

CITY OF HOBBS

ORDINANCE NO. 1153

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 10.04.050 AND  
10.04.060 OF THE HOBBS MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2016, the City of Hobbs adopted a Penalty Assessment Program via Ordinance No. 1095; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 1095 enacted Section 10.04.050 and Section 10.05.060 of the Hobbs Municipal Code which set forth penalty assessments for certain traffic violations and enacted court fees for adjudicated traffic penalties respectively; and

WHEREAS, during the 2023 NM Legislative session, the NM Legislature enacted House Bill (H.B.) 139 which will eliminate the court fees of twenty-nine dollars (\$29) for adjudicated traffic violations as of July 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hobbs seeks to increase each penalty assessment misdemeanor by twenty-nine dollars (\$29).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF HOBBS, NEW MEXICO, that Sections 10.04.050 and 10.04.060 of the Hobbs Municipal Code, are hereby amended as more specifically described as follows:

Obedience to Signs Designating One-Way Streets and Alleys	12-6-2.9	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Rotary Traffic Islands	12-6-2.10	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Driving on Streets Laned for Traffic	12-6-2.12	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Following Too Closely	12-6-2.13	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Driving on Divided Streets	12-6-2.14	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Controlled Access Violation	12-6-2.15 through 12-6-2.16	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Failure to Yield	12-6-4.1 through 12-6-4.2	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Vehicles Entering Stop or Yield Intersections	12-6-4.3	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Improper Turning	12-6-5.1 through 12-6-5.6	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Starting Parked Vehicle	12-6-5.7	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Turning and Stopping Movements and Required Signals	12-6-5.8	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Signals by Hand and Arm or Signal Device	12-6-5.9 through 12-6-5.10	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Parking Violations	12-6-6.1 through 12-6-6.14	<del>25.00</del> \$54.00
<u>Heavy Truck and Trailer Parking Violation</u>	<u>10.05.040</u>	\$179.00
Emerging from Alley, Building, Driveway or Private Road	12-6-7.1	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Stop When Traffic Obstructed	12-6-7.2	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Stopping for School Bus	12-6-7.3	<del>150.00</del> \$179.00
Operation of Vehicle on Approach of Emergency Vehicle	12-6-7.4A	<del>80.00</del> \$109.00
Railroad Grade Crossing Violations	12-6-7.5 through 12-6-7.8	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Stopping, Standing or Parking in Passenger Curb Loading Zone	12-6-8.3	<del>25.00</del> \$54.00
Stopping, Standing or Parking in Freight Curb Loading Zone	12-6-8.4	<del>25.00</del> \$54.00
Stopping, Standing and Parking of Busses and Taxicabs	12-6-9.3	<del>25.00</del> \$54.00
Restricted Use of Bus and Taxicab Stands	12-6-9.4	<del>25.00</del> \$54.00
Operation Without Oversize-Overweight Permit	12-6-11.1	<del>80.00</del> \$109.00
No Slow-Moving Vehicle Emblem or Flashing Amber Light	12-6-11.2	<del>25.00</del> \$54.00
Operators and Chauffeurs Must Be Licensed	12-6-12.5 A, B, C	<del>70.00</del> \$99.00

**10.04.050 Adopted.**

- A. As used in the Uniform Traffic Ordinance, a penalty assessment program is hereby adopted.
- B. A "penalty assessment misdemeanor" means violation of any of the following listed sections of the Uniform Traffic Ordinance for which, except as provided in Subsection E of this section, the listed penalty assessment is established:

<b>Common Name of Offense</b>	<b>Section Violated</b>	<b>Penalty Assessment</b>
Obedience to Officers	12-3-2	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Use of Coaster Wagons and Similar Devices	12-3-6	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Obedience to Required Traffic Control Device	12-5-3	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Red Light	12-5-6	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Pedestrian Control Signals	12-5-7	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Flashing Signals	12-5-8	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Lane Control Signals	12-5-9	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Display of Unauthorized Signs, Signals or Markings	12-5-10	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Interference with Official Traffic Control Devices or Railroad Signals	12-5-11	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Traffic Lanes	12-5-14	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Basic (Speeding) Rule	12-6-1.1	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Speed Limits	12-6-1.2	
(1) Up to and including 10 miles per hour above the speed limit		<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
(2) From 11 and up to and including 15 miles per hour above the speed limit		<del>60.00</del> \$89.00
(3) From 15 and up to and including 20 miles per hour above the speed limit		<del>95.00</del> \$124.00
(4) From 21 and up to and including 25 miles per hour above the speed limit		<del>130.00</del> \$159.00
(5) From 26 and up to and including 30 miles per hour above the speed limit		<del>155.00</del> \$184.00
(6) From 31 and up to and including 35 miles per hour above the speed limit		<del>180.00</del> \$209.00
Minimum Speed Regulation	12-6-1.5	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Special Speed Limitations	12-6-1.7	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Improper Passing	12-6-2.1 through 12-6-2.7	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00

Unattended Motor Vehicle	12-6-12.8	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Limitations on Backing	12-6-12.9	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Obstruction to Driver's View or Driving Mechanism	12-6-12.10	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Restriction on Use of Television in Motor Vehicles	12-6-12.11	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Coasting Prohibited	12-6-12.12	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Following Fire Apparatus Prohibited	12-6-12.13	<del>115.00</del> \$144.00
Crossing Fire Hose Prohibited	12-6-12.14	<del>115.00</del> \$144.00
Driving Through Safety Zones Prohibited	12-6-12.15	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Vehicles Shall Be Driven Only on Streets, Private Roads, and Driveways	12-6-12.16	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Driving on Sidewalk and Private Property	12-6-12.17	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Prohibited Activities While Driving	12-6-12.18	<del>80.00</del> \$109.00
Processions	12-6-12.20	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Offenses by Persons Owning or Controlling Vehicles	12-6-12.22	<del>70.00</del> \$99.00
Permitting Unauthorized Persons to Drive	12-6-12.23	<del>70.00</del> \$99.00
Unlawful Riding	12-6-13.2	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Unhitched Trailer on Street	12-6-13.3	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Littering	12-6-13.5	<del>300.00</del> \$329.00
Trains and Buses Not to Obstruct Streets	12-6-13.6	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Boarding or Alighting from Vehicles	12-6-13.7	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Improper Opening of Doors	12-6-13.8	<del>25.00</del> \$54.00
Occupied Moving House Trailer	12-6-13.9	<del>25.00</del> \$54.00
Animals on Street	12-6-13.10	<del>25.00</del> \$54.00
Driving on Steep Grades	12-6-13.11	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Child Restraint	12-6-13.12	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Seat Belts	12-6-13.13	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Open Container (1st Offense)	12-6-13.14	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Pedestrian Obedience to Traffic Control Devices and Regulations	12-6-14.2 through 12-6-14.7	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Drivers to Exercise Due Care	12-6-14.8	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Devices	12-6-16	<del>10.00</del> \$39.00
Prohibited Use of Electronic Device While Driving (First Offense)	12-6-18	<del>80.00</del> \$109.00
Prohibited Use of Electronic Device While Driving (Second and Subsequent Offense)	12-6-18	<del>130.00</del> \$159.00
Operating Motorcycles on Streets Laned for Traffic	12-7-2	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Clinging to Other Vehicles	12-7-3	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00

Riding on Motorcycles	12-7-4	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Eye Protective Devices or Windshields	12-7-5	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Mandatory Use of Protective Helmets	12-7-6	<del>300.00</del> \$329.00
Footrests and Handlebars	12-7-7	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Motorcycle Maneuverability	12-7-8	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Off-Highway Motor Vehicles - Registration; Plate Requirement	12-7-9.1	<del>20.00</del> \$49.00
Operation of Off-Highway Motor Vehicles on Streets or Highways	12-7-9.2 A, B, C, D	<del>210.00</del> \$239.00
Operation of Off-Highway Motor Vehicles on Streets or Highways	12-7-9.2 E	<del>60.00</del> \$89.00
Driving of Off-Highway Motor Vehicles Adjacent to Streets	12-7-9.3	<del>20.00</del> \$49.00
Operation of Off-Highway Motor Vehicles on Private Lands	12-7-9.4	<del>20.00</del> \$49.00
Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Safety Permit; Requirements, Issuance	12-7-9.8	<del>60.00</del> \$89.00
Operating and Equipment - Safety Requirements	12-7-9.9 A (1, 12)	<del>210.00</del> \$239.00
Operating and Equipment - Safety Requirements	12-7-9.9 A (3, 4, 5, 6, 9) B, C, D	<del>110.00</del> \$139.00
Operating and Equipment - Safety Requirements	12-7-9.9A (7)	<del>60.00</del> \$89.00
Operating and Equipment - Safety Requirements	12-7-9.9A (8, 11) E	<del>20.00</del> \$49.00
Mopeds - Standards	12-7-10	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Operation of Bicycles	12-8-3 through 12-8-12	<del>25.00</del> \$54.00
Handicap Parking	12-9-9	500.00
Improper Equipment	12-10-1.1 through 12-10-1.51, excluding 12-10-1.12.1	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Sun Screening Material on Windshields and Windows	12-10-1.12.1	<del>75.00</del> \$104.00
Restrictions Upon Use of Streets by Certain Vehicles	12-10-3.1	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Minimum Vehicle Size	12-10-3.2	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Projecting Loads on Passenger Vehicles	12-10-3.3	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Special Projecting Load Limits	12-10-3.4	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Trailers and Towed Vehicles	12-10-3.5	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Width of Vehicles	12-10-3.6	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00
Height and Length of Vehicles and Loads	12-10-3.7	<del>45.00</del> \$74.00

Display of Current Valid Registration Plate	12-10-4	60.00- \$89.00
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- C. The term "penalty assessment misdemeanor" does not include a violation that has caused or contributed to an accident resulting in injury or death to a person.
- D. When an alleged violator of a penalty assessment misdemeanor elects to accept a notice to appear in lieu of a notice of penalty assessment, a fine imposed upon later conviction shall not exceed the penalty assessment established for the particular penalty assessment misdemeanor and probation imposed upon a suspended or deferred sentence shall not exceed ninety (90) days.
- E. The penalty assessment for speeding in violation of Section 12-6-1.2(A)(4), regarding speeding in a construction or safety zone posted as a double fine zone, shall be twice the penalty assessment for speeding for the equivalent miles per hour over the speed limit set out under the adopted penalty assessment program contained herein.
- F. Nothing contained in this chapter is intended to diminish the Municipal Judge's authority to designate the specified offenses under the traffic ordinance to which fines may be accepted by the traffic violations bureau under Section 12-11-2 of the Uniform Traffic Ordinance.

( Ord. No. 1095 , 8-1-2016)

**10.04.060 Fees.**

~~A. As outlined in Section 12-12-1.3 of the Uniform Traffic Ordinance, and Section 1.16.020 of the Hobbs Municipal Code, any person convicted of violating any provision of the traffic ordinance shall be assessed the following fees in addition to the individual prescribed penalty for each violation:~~

- ~~1. A corrections fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00);~~
- ~~2. A judicial education fee of three dollars (\$3.00);~~
- ~~3. A court automation fee of six dollars (\$6.00).~~

~~B. In addition to the fees outlined herein, a~~ Any person convicted of violating any provision of the traffic ordinance shall be assessed a "penalty assessment fee" of ten dollars (\$10.00) which, upon collection, shall be deposited in a special fund in the municipal treasury for use by the municipality only for municipal jailer training; for the construction planning, construction, operation and maintenance of the municipal jail; for paying the costs of housing the municipality's prisoners in other detention facilities in the state; or complying with match or contribution requirements for the receipt of federal funds relating to jails. However, if the municipality has a balance in this special fund that is over the amount projected to be needed for the next fiscal year for the purposes set forth in this subsection, the municipality may transfer the unneeded balance to its general fund.

CB. In addition to the fees outlined herein, and as outlined in Section 12-6-12.2(O) of Uniform Traffic Ordinance and Section 1.16.060 of the Hobbs Municipal Code, any person

convicted of driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs in violation of 12-6-12.1(A), (B), (C), or (D) shall be assessed, in addition to any other fee or fine, the following fees:

1. A fee of eighty-five dollars (\$85.00) to defray the costs of chemical and other tests utilized to determine the influence of alcohol or drugs;
2. A fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) to fund comprehensive community programs for the prevention of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs or for other traffic safety purposes.

The municipality shall maintain these fees in separate funds and transfer the fees collected in this subsection to the administrative office of the courts for credit to the crime laboratory fund and the traffic safety fund. No reference to the State DWI provision (NMSA 1978, § 66-8-102) in Section 1.16.060 of the Hobbs Municipal Code shall operate to conflict with or override this provision.

DC. As used in the Uniform Traffic Ordinance, "convicted" means the defendant has been found guilty of a criminal charge by the Municipal Judge, either after trial, a plea of guilty or a plea of nolo contendere, or has elected to pay the penalty assessment in lieu of trial.

ED. All fees outlined herein shall be distributed as prescribed by law and outlined in the Uniform Traffic Ordinance, the Hobbs Municipal Code, and State Statutes.

( Ord. No. 1095 , 8-1-2016)

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 5th day of June, 2023.

  
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SAM D. COBB, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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JAN FLETCHER, City Clerk

