

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

ORDINANCE

An Ordinance Amending "The Code of Ordinances City of Lowell, Massachusetts" With Respect to Chapter 150 thereof Entitled, "Fees" by amending certain sections.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL, as follows:

"The Code for the City of Lowell," hereinafter called the "Code", adopted by the City Council on December 23, 2008, is hereby amended with respect to 150 thereof, by amending certain sections:

1. By amending Chapter 150, Entitled **Fees; Police Department** by adding the following new number 19 as follows:

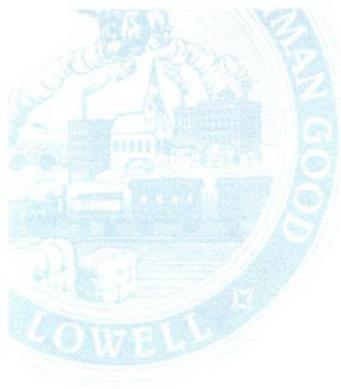
	Department/Reference	Unit/ Frequency	Fee
19	Police Detail – Cruiser Fee	Per Hour	\$10.00/ hour

2. All provisions of the Lowell City Code, as amended, which are consistent with this Ordinance, shall continue in effect, but all provisions of said Code inconsistent herewith are repealed.
3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 43 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Christine P. O'Connor
City Solicitor



Raymond Kelly Richardson
Superintendent

Barry Golner
Deputy Superintendent

Daniel R. Larocque
Deputy Superintendent

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9/1/2020*

To: City Manager Eileen Donoghue
From: Superintendent Raymond K. Richardson
Re: Garage Repair/Service Vehicles revolving fund consideration
Date: September 1, 2020

The Lowell Police Department has proposed to create an ordinance that would allow the City to charge vendors a ten dollar (\$10.00) per hour fee for all details that require the usage of a City of Lowell Police Department cruiser. This fee will not be charged to any details or projects funded by the City of Lowell. The fee will be charged only for details in which the vendor requests the use of a police cruiser or those in which the Commanding Officer of the Detail Office or his/her designee deem a cruiser necessary for public safety purposes.

As you are aware, the cost of repairing police cruisers has almost doubled from the old Ford Crown Victoria Cruisers to the new Ford Sport Utility Prices. The parts alone have almost doubled in price and the department is proposing a cost savings solution to this ever increasing issue. It is our hope that with the passing of this ordinance, the department will initially be able to supplement all of the increased cost in this line item for the budget. Over time, it is our belief that this ordinance will allow us to self-fund the repairs via the revolving account and eliminate the cost from the budget permanently.



Eileen M. Donoghue
City Manager

September 1, 2020

Mayor John J. Leahy
And
Members of the Lowell City Council

Dear Mayor Leahy and Members of the Lowell City Council,

Enclosed is an Ordinance to establish a new fee in the Lowell Police Department. The purpose of this new fee is to recover costs by the city in conjunction with wear and tear to police cruisers when used for construction details. The accumulated cost to the taxpayers to repair and maintain these vehicles is significant, and the implementation of this fee will switch the operation to a fee-for-service model whereby those companies or corporations who order the police details will help offset the costs for fleet maintenance.

This vote accompanies the ordinance to establish a revolving fund for the same purpose. Both votes are on the agenda together. This accounting method will allow the Police Superintendent greater flexibility to use the funds and will afford the Lowell Police Department the opportunity to maintain the fleet without looking to the taxpayers to fund the work.

Sincerely,

Eileen M. Donoghue
City Manager

cc: Conor Baldwin, Chief Financial Officer
Raymond “Kelly” Richardson, Superintendent of Police