

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A FEE TO DEFRAY COSTS OF
COLLECTING DELINQUENT FINES, FEES, AND OTHER DEBTS PURSUANT
TO SECTION 140.009 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE**

Ordinance # 618

STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF BRAZORIA §

WHEREAS, Section 140.009 of the Texas Local Government Code authorizes the City of WEST COLUMBIA Council to contract with a private firm for the collection of an amount owed relating to a civil case, including an unpaid fine, fee, or court cost, and to impose an additional collection fee in the amount of thirty percent of the amount referred that is more than sixty days past due and which has been referred to the private firm for collection; and

WHEREAS, the WEST COLUMBIA City Council has determined that it is in the public interest to ensure the prompt payment of delinquent utility accounts as provided by said statute; and

WHEREAS, the City of WEST COLUMBIA has entered into a contract with a private firm to provide services for the collection of debts and accounts receivable, i.e.: fines, fees, restitution, other debts, and costs ordered to be paid by a court serving the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA THAT:

In accordance with Section 140.009 of the Texas Local Government Code there shall be imposed an additional fee of thirty percent on all debts and accounts receivable, i.e.: fines, fees, restitution, other debts, and costs that are more than sixty days past due and have been referred to a private firm for collection.

SIGNED on this the 12th day of August, 2013.

MAYOR, CITY OF WEST COLUMBIA, TEXAS

ATTEST:

CITY SECRETARY