

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-37 FILED

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, ARKANSAS; AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

An Ordinance to increase and set jail fees for housing adult inmates in the Craighead County Detention Center.

SECTION 1. Whereas, Craighead County has not increased jail fees for housing adult male and female inmates since 2006, and the current fee is no longer adequate to fund the cost of housing inmates.

SECTION 2. Whereas, Craighead County has entered into jail contracts with most cities to estimate the costs of housing prisoners, however, the contract with City of Jonesboro expires on December 31, 2021, and there has been no discussion of renewing the contract in 2022.

SECTION 3. Whereas, the County Administrator and Jail Administrator have gathered and studied facts and data and have determined that the current level of fees has remained unchanged since 2006, while most costs of providing basic needs and the required compliance issues have escalated.

SECTION 4. Whereas, the Craighead County Quorum Court has endorsed and recommended that the jail fees for housing adult male and female inmates be increased from \$45 to \$55 per day for in county adult male and female inmates and from \$51 to \$60 for out of county adult male and female inmates to be effective January 1, 2022 for any city that does not have a current monthly jail contract in effect.

SECTION 5. Now therefore, be it enacted by the Quorum Court of Craighead County that the jail fees be increased from \$45 to \$55 per day for in county adult male and female inmates and jail fees be increased from \$51 to \$60 per day for out of county adult male and female inmates and that this increase will be effective January 1, 2022 for any city that does not have a current monthly jail contract in effect. All jail fees will be reviewed on an annual basis.

SECTION 6. Whereas, this ordinance is necessary for the preservation of the public peace, safety, health and welfare, and therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval.

Dated this 22nd day of November, 2021

Approved: Marvin Day
Marvin Day
Craighead County Judge

Attest: Lesli Penny
Lesli Penny
Craighead County Clerk

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