

**CITY OF OAKRIDGE  
ORDINANCE #937**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING PUBLIC SAFETY FEE AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Oakridge City Council has determined the need for revenue to allow the City of Oakridge to continue to offer public safety services, functions and materials, including full-time police patrols; advanced life support ambulance transport; fire protection services; and,

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of this ordinance is to safeguard, facilitate and encourage the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens and businesses of the City; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Council also finds that a continuous and consistent general government program offering full time police patrols, fire protection, ambulance transport provides a multitude of economic and social benefits to the public, including, but not limited to:

- Reduction in the incidence of crime;
- Effective response to police calls and other public safety situations;
- Enhanced protection of persons and property.

**WHEREAS**, the Council held a public meeting and received public comment related to the Public Safety Fee on June 17, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Budget Committee held public meetings and received public comment related to the fiscal year 2021-2022 budget which included expected revenue from the proposed public safety fee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Budget Committee approved of and recommended a budget to the Council that maintained current staffing levels, made various cuts within the General Fund and added a new public safety fee.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF OAKRIDGE ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Establishment.** The City Council of the City of Oakridge establishes a Public Safety Fee as set forth in the attached exhibit and shall be effective with billings on November 1, 2021.

**Section 2. Severability.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, and/or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid, unenforceable, and/or unconstitutional, such invalid, unenforceable, and/or unconstitutional section, subsection, sentence, clause, and/or portion will (a) yield to a construction permitting enforcement to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law; and (b) not affect the validity, enforceability, and/or constitutionality of the remaining portion of this Ordinance.


**Section 3. Correction.** This Ordinance may be corrected by order of the City Council to cure editorial and/or clerical errors.

This ordinance shall be effective on OCTOBER 16, 2021.

PASSED by the Council this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

APPROVED by the Mayor this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

SIGNED:

  
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Kathy Holston, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Jackie Sims, Asst. City Recorder

Ayes: 4

Nays: 2