



PROPOSED ORDINANCES: POLICE TECHNOLOGY SURCHARGE

Amendment & Addition to Municipal Ordinances in City Code

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CURRENT ORDINANCE



GENERAL PENALTY (1.1.201):

Convictions for Municipal Code violations are currently subject to three surcharges:

- \$35.00 'Pedestrian Safety Program Funding Fee' on all traffic convictions. Applied to school zone safety programs.
- \$5.00 'Information Technology Surcharge' on all traffic and criminal convictions. Applied to IT needs of the Municipal Court.
- \$25.00 'Court Costs' charge for any defendant who appears in Court.
- Surcharges are not applied to parking violations or AVIS violations, per state law.

CURRENT VIOLATION INFORMATION



Summons Type	Jan 1 – Sep 30, 2024	Jan 1 – Sep 30, 2025
Traffic Only	20,744	27,106
Criminal Only	3,904	4,702
All Summonses	24,851*	32,243*

* difference in summons counts is due to a small number civil infractions in the 'All Summonses' total

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City Code	Summary
§ 1.1.201 General Penalty	Amend existing General Penalty ordinance to include imposition of a Police Technology Surcharge on all convictions for traffic or criminal violations of the Municipal Code, except AVIS violations and parking violations. The proceeds from the surcharge shall be applied to police technology systems used by CSPD for the response to or investigation, enforcement, or documentation of criminal and traffic law or ordinance violations. Municipal Court may not waive the surcharge, unless it complies with section 11.3.106 of Municipal Code. The Mayor will determine the amount of the surcharge, based on an analysis from the Police Department regarding technology requirements and contracts.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE



City Code	Summary
§ 11.1.306 Failure to Pay Fines, Costs, or Surcharges	Amend this section to require Municipal Court judges to proceed in accordance with state law if a defendant fails to pay or is unable to pay imposed fines, costs, or surcharges for a Municipal Code violation. Aligns with existing state law in Colorado.

WHY ARE THESE CHANGES REQUESTED?



- State law mandates the use of certain technology (e.g. – body cameras) by all police officers in Colorado.
- Many other systems (Tasers, digital evidence, etc.) are critical for officer safety or the criminal justice process.
- CSPD has many disparate technology systems that impede efficiency, increase workload and redundancy, and are nearing end-of-life.
- The cost of police technology continues to rise, especially as vendors implement artificial intelligence tools in the software and services they provide.
- CSPD relies on the general City budget and grants to pay for technology systems. This is not sustainable long-term, and a consistent source of funding is needed for current and future technology needs.

COST COMPARISON



2026 REVENUE ESTIMATE

Surcharge	Estimated Revenue
Police Technology Fee – Traffic	\$496,506
Police Technology Fee – Criminal	\$48,008
Police Technology Fee - Annual	\$544,514

* revenue estimates based on 2025 citation and payment data & \$20 surcharge

2026 MAJOR SYSTEMS COSTS

System	Cost
Body Worn Camera (Axon)	\$744,238
Records Management System (LERMS)	\$530,000
Electronic Citation (Brazos)	\$82,496
Digital Evidence System & Storage (Axon)	\$368,388
AI Transcription & Reporting (Axon)	\$834,814
Vehicle Intelligence Cameras (Flock)	\$175,000
Taser 10 electronic weapon system	\$1,200,000

→ **\$3,934,936 / YEAR**

IMPLEMENTATION



- The surcharge only applies to convictions for municipal traffic or criminal ordinance violations. Those who abide by the law are not subject to the surcharge.
- If approved by Council, CSPD will provide public notice via media release of the Police Technology Surcharge at least thirty (30) days prior to it taking effect.
- The surcharge can be implemented through existing technology systems used for fines and surcharges on Municipal ordinance violations.