

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-03-025

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING URBANA CITY CODE CHAPTER 1, SECTION 1-18

(Reducing minimum fine for possession of cannabis from \$300 to \$5)

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana is a home rule unit of local government pursuant to Article VII, Section 6, of the Illinois Constitution, 1970, and may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs, including the power to regulate for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the City Council heretofore has adopted Urbana City Code Section 1-18 to establish a schedule of minimum fines for violations of certain sections of the Code ("minimum fine schedule"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that amending the minimum fine schedule as hereinafter provided will protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1.

Urbana City Code Chapter 1, "General Provisions," Section 1-18, "Minimum fine schedule for certain violations," Chapter 15, "Miscellaneous Offenses and Provisions," Section 15-66(b), "Possession of cannabis prohibited," is hereby amended with the underlined text indicating new language and the strikethrough text indicating deletions as follows:

Chapter 15 Miscellaneous Offenses and Provisions

| Section | Section Title | Minimum Fine |
|----------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 15-66(b) | Possession of cannabis prohibited. | \$5.00 300.00 |

Section 2.

Those sections, paragraphs, and provisions of the Urbana City Code that are not expressly amended or repealed by this Ordinance are hereby re-enacted, and it is expressly declared to be the intention of this Ordinance not to repeal or amend any portions of the Urbana City Code other than those expressly set forth as amended or repealed in this Ordinance. The invalidity of any section or provision of this Ordinance hereby passed and approved shall not invalidate other sections or provisions thereof.

Section 3.

This Ordinance shall not be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court, or any rights acquired, or a liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing prior to the effective date of this Ordinance; nor shall any right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired, or affected by this Ordinance.

Section 4.

The City Clerk is directed to publish this Ordinance in pamphlet form by authority of the corporate authorities, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in accordance with Section 1-2-4 of the Illinois Municipal Code.

This Ordinance is hereby passed by the affirmative vote, the "ayes" and "nays" being called, of a majority of the members of the Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, at a meeting of said Council.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this ____ day of _____, _____.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this ____ day of _____, _____.

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor