



Section 1. That Section 2.56.135 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws established by Ordinance Nos. BL2006-1092 and BL2008-176 for the assessment and collection of a probation supervision fee be repealed in its entirety.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall take effect after its final adoption, the welfare of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

### Analysis

This ordinance eliminates the supervision fees for probation services provided by the general sessions court. This fee was established in 1991 at a rate of \$20 per month. It was increased to \$25 per month in 2006, and to \$35 per month in 2008.

A 2020 fee study prepared for Metro by PFM's Center for Justice & Safety Finance recommended that the Council eliminate this fee to ease the financial burden on criminal defendants, many of whom lack the ability to pay the probation fees.

This ordinance is a companion to Resolution Nos. RS2021-988 and RS2021-989 approved on June 15, 2021, which eliminated the indigent defense fee and the courthouse security litigation tax as recommended in the PFM study.

The FY22 budget ordinance set aside \$662,500 in a contingency account to offset lost revenue as a result of the reduction of criminal fines and fees.