

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO SEEK DISMISSAL OF  
CERTAIN ARREST WARRANTS ISSUED FOR FAILURE TO PAY FINES AND COURT  
COSTS

WHEREAS, the City of Rapid City has adopted ordinances that provide for criminal penalties, and

WHEREAS, arrest warrants are occasionally issued by the magistrate court when defendants fail to pay fines imposed for violations of City ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rapid City pays a fee for housing prisoners in the Pennington County Jail for violations of municipal ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the cost of housing prisoners often exceeds the revenue the City derives from the fines assessed against criminal defendants, and

WHEREAS, there are currently a number of outstanding arrest warrants for failure to pay fines associated with cases that were filed between the years 1999 and 2005; and

WHEREAS, it is unlikely the City will collect these fines; and

WHEREAS, it is likely that the City will incur significant expense in further efforts to collect these fines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Attorney's Office is authorized to seek dismissal of stale arrest warrants issued for the defendant's failure to pay fines for cases filed between the years 1999 and 2005.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February, 2008.

CITY OF RAPID CITY

ATTEST:

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Mayor

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Finance Officer

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