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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Tyler Southall, County Attorney
DATE: June 16, 2020
SUBJECT: Courthouse Security Fees

Background

At present, Section 14-6 of the Dinwiddie County Code has established a \$10.00 fee that shall be ordered as part of court costs imposed upon any defendant convicted in any criminal or traffic case in the district or circuit courts of the county. The fee shall be collected by the clerk of the court, who shall remit the fee to the Treasurer of Dinwiddie County. The Treasurer shall hold such fees subject to appropriation by the board of supervisors to the sheriff's office for the funding of courthouse security personnel, and if requested by the sheriff, for the funding of equipment and other personal property used in connection with courthouse security.

SB 149 was approved by the General Assembly and signed by the Governor. SB 149 amends Section 53.1-120 of the Code of Virginia to allow the \$10 courthouse security fee to be increased to a \$20 courthouse security fee, effective on July 1, 2020.

Future Action

An ordinance has been prepared for consideration after a public hearing at the July 21, 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting. Staff will need a consensus from the Board to advertise the ordinance for public hearing.