ORDINANCE NO. 344

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FAILUE TO TIMELY APPEAR IN MUNICIAL COURT A VIOLATION OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated and the Lakewood Charter and the laws of the State of Tennessee authorizes the City of Lakewood to establish an Ordinance making failure to appear for Municipal Court a violation of law, and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the City of Lakewood has found failure to appear for noticed appearance in the Lakewood Municipal Court a serious problem costing the City added costs and expenses, and;

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated § 7-63-105 and the Charter of the City of Lakewood authorizes making failure to timely appear for Court in the Municipal Court of the City of Lakewood a violation of law within the authorized range of punishment available to the City of Lakewood, and'

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, TENNESSEE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. It shall be a violation of law in the City of Lakewood for any person to fail or refuse to timely appear in and before the Municipal Court of the City of Lakewood when such person has been given adequate prior notice to appear by summons, citation, subpoena or court order.

Section 2. Any person or persons who has been give prior notice to appear before the Municipal Court of the City of Lakewood by summons, citation, subpoena or court order, and who fails to appear as ordered, shall be subject to a fine of not more than fifty ($50.00) dollars.

Section 3. The Clerk of the Court may refuse to issue notice to the State Department of Safety for any person who has satisfied citations in the city court

but who has a citation for failure to appear not yet adjudicated.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect at the earliest date allowed by law, the public welfare requiring it.

MAYOR

Attest:

City Recorder

Readings: November 2, 2007

December 7, 2007