

**ORDINANCE NO. 416**

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 15-2 OF CHAPTER 15 OF THE YALE CITY CODE TO PROVIDE FOR GENERAL PENALTIES, AMENDING SECTION 15-14 OF CHAPTER 15 OF THE YALE CITY CODE TO PROVIDE FOR GENERAL RULES FOR MUNICIPAL COURT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.”

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF YALE, OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. That Section 15-2 of Chapter 15 of the Yale City Code be amended to read as follows, to-wit:

“Sec. 15.2. General Penalties.

(a) Whenever in this code or in other ordinances of the City of Yale, Oklahoma, or in any rule, regulation or order promulgated by any officer of agency of the City under authority duly vested in such officer, any act that is prohibited or is made or declared to be unlawful or an offense or a misdemeanor, or the doing of any act is required or the failure to do any act is declared to be unlawful, or an offense, or a misdemeanor, where no specific penalty is provided therefore, the violation of any such provision of this code or any other ordinance of the City of Yale, or such rule, regulation, or order shall be punished by a fine not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) excluding costs, or such amount as may be authorized by the provisions of Title 11 Section 27-104 or Title 11 Section 28-102 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

(b) Each act or violation and each day upon which any such violation shall continue or occur shall constitute a separate offense. The penalty provided for herein, unless another penalty is expressly provided, shall apply to the amendment of any Code section, whether or not such penalty is reenacted by the amendatory ordinance.

(c) Any person fined for violation of a municipal ordinance, who is financially able but refuses or neglects to pay the fine or costs, may be compelled to satisfy the amount owed by working on the streets, alleys, avenues, areas and public grounds of the City of Yale, under the direction of the City Manager at a rate equal to the prevailing federal minimum wage, until the fine and costs are satisfied.

(d) No penalty imposed by and pursuant to any provisions of this Code or other ordinances of the City of Yale shall interfere with the right of the City of Yale to also apply to the proper court for a mandamus, injunction or other appropriate action against the person, persons or firm against whom the penalty is imposed.”

SECTION 2. That Section 15-14 of Chapter 15 of the Yale City Code is hereby amended to read as follows, to-wit:

“Sec. 15-14. Municipal Court General Rules

The Municipal Court Judge may prescribe rules, consistent with the Statutes of the State of Oklahoma, and with the Ordinances of the City of Yale to provide for the proper conduct of the Municipal Court. The Municipal Court shall remain closed on those holidays declared by the City Commission of the City of Yale and upon which the municipal offices shall be closed.”

SECTION 3: EMERGENCY CLAUSE.

It being necessary for the preservation of the public health, peace and safety that an emergency be declared by reason whereof an emergency is declared, and this ordinance shall become effective from and after its publication.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this **10<sup>TH</sup> day of September, 2024.**

JASON BROWN, MAYOR  
CITY OF YALE, OKLAHOMA

ATTEST:

Deanna Couch, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT AND CORRECTLY ENROLLED THIS 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024.

Roger L. McMillian  
City Attorney