

## **LOMBARD POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Date: July 31, 2006

To: William T. Lichter  
Village Manager

From: Ray Byrne  
Chief of Police

**Re: Proposed Increase of Fines for All Local Ordinance Traffic Violations**

As you know, recent legislation has changed the manner in which fine monies are being distributed to municipalities. This issue was the subject of a recent presentation to the DuPage Mayor's and Manager's Conference. I have attached a copy of the PowerPoint presentation to this correspondence as a reference.

In summary, the new legislation changes the manner in which fines are distributed. The expected result is that municipalities will lose revenues unless the fines are increased to minimal levels exclusive of court costs. Our Village Prosecutor and Village Attorney have recommended that we raise the minimum fine for all Illinois Vehicle Code violations written as local ordinance violations to \$75.00 exclusive of court costs and fees. There is a graduated minimum fine for speeding violations based upon the severity of the offense.

Based on preliminary estimates, if these minimum fine increases are not implemented, the Village of Lombard could realize a drop in anticipated revenues of 28%. Increasing the minimum fines will not increase revenues, but rather maintain the status quo. A companion ordinance will also recommend raising the minimum fine for a local DUI offense from \$750.00 to \$1,000.00. A waiver of first reading is being requested to expedite the implementation of the new fine structure.

If you should have any questions, or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

cc: Len Flood, Director of Finance  
Dep. Chief Cuny  
Dep. Chief Rollins