AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LITHOPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT TO CONTRACT WITH A THIRD PARTY ACCIDENT REPORT MANAGER AND SETTING FEES FOR THESE REPORTS.

WHEREAS, one of the duties of the Lithopolis Police Department is to respond to traffic crashes and other incidents resulting in damage to vehicles and/or property and documenting such incidents via written reports, and;

WHEREAS, The Ohio Department of Public Safety requires that police reports from all traffic crashes occurring on public roadways be submitted to ODPS, and;

WHEREAS, The Lithopolis Police Department receives numerous requests from insurance companies, third-party vendors, and vehicle owners for copies of these reports, and;

WHEREAS, these requests for reports can affect the daily routine of Lithopolis Police Officers and/or cause delays in those reports being provided to interested third parties, and;

WHEREAS, The Lithopolis Police Department desires to enter into an agreement with CARFAX to submit copies of all traffic crash reports and other incidents involving vehicle damage to CARFAX, and;

WHEREAS, insurance companies and other interested parties will then be referred to CARFAX to obtain a copy of a specified report, and;

WHEREAS, CARFAX will collect fees from the requestor for requested reports and pass these fees onto the Village of Lithopolis on a periodic basis, at no cost to the Village;

WHEREAS, Council must set all fees to be collected by or for the village, and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF LITHOPOLIS, FAIRFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. Council authorizes the Chief of Police to enter into an agreement with CARFAX to manage accident reports from the Village of Lithopolis.

SECTION 2. Council authorizes the collection of $5.00 (Five dollars) to be collected and remitted to the Village of Lithopolis by CARFAX.

SECTION 3. There will be no charge for an accident report provided to an owner of a vehicle, or in the case of a juvenile, his/her parent or legal guardian, directly involved in a traffic crash or incident involving damage to a vehicle.

SECTION 4. This ordinance does not prevent the Lithopolis Police Department from providing other accident or incident reports at no charge or a charge limited to the amount that the village routinely charges for copies as set by Council.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall become effective at the earliest date provided by law.

DATE PASSED:

ATTEST: CLERK

DATE: 5-28-19

SIGNED: MAYOR

DATE: 5/28/19

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

VILLAGE SOLICITOR