ORDINANCE NO. 2023-3

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ADDING NEW CHAPTER 6 TO ARTICLE I OF THE LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING RECOVERY OF THE COST OF COLLECTING FUNDS OWED TO THE CITY

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The following new Chapter 6 is hereby added to Article I of the Lakewood Municipal Code:

CHAPTER 6 RECOVERY OF COSTS OF COLLECTING FUNDS OWED TO THE CITY

1600. RECOVERY OF COSTS OF COLLECTION. Any debt owed to the City may be sent to a third party collection agency, and all costs incurred for the collection of any such debt shall be added to the amount of the outstanding debt and recovered by the City.

SECTION 2. The City Council hereby declares it would have passed this Ordinance word by word, sentence by sentence, paragraph by paragraph and section by section, and hereby declares the provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and if for any reason any portion of this Ordinance should be held invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining parts of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance. The City Council hereby finds and determines there are no newspapers of general circulation both published and circulated within the City and, in compliance with Section 36933 of the Government Code, directs the City Clerk to cause said Ordinance within fifteen (15) days after its passage to be posted in at least three (3) public places within the City as established by Ordinance.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 27th day of June, 2023, by the following roll call vote:

	AYES	NAYS	ABSENT
Mayor Croft	X		<u></u> .
Council Member Chase	<u>X</u>		
Council Member Pe	X		
Council Member Rogers	<u>X</u>		
Council Member Wood	<u>X</u>		

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ATTEST:

City Clerk