

SPENCER COUNTY, INDIANA
ORDINANCE NUMBER 2026-01
AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER § 35 *et seq.*

WHEREAS, Spencer County has heretofore adopted and approved its "Code of Ordinances," hereinafter referred to as "Spencer County Code" or "Code" pursuant to the provisions of Ind. Code § 36-1-5-3; and

WHEREAS, the Spencer County Sheriff's Department serves the residents of Spencer County, is a department of the Spencer County Government, and is overseen by the Spencer County Sheriff; and

WHEREAS, the Spencer County Commissioners serve as the legislative branch of Spencer County and have the authority to pass local laws and ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Spencer County Commissioners and the Spencer County Sheriff deem it necessary to update certain parts of the Spencer County Code as it relates to the Spencer County Sheriff's Department; and

WHEREAS, the Spencer County Sheriff's Department has identified the need to establish formal documentation outlining the fees charged for copies of pictures, audio recordings, and video recordings to ensure consistency and transparency in fee collection.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it established, by Spencer County, Indiana, as follows:

Section 1. Amendment to Chapter 35. Chapter 35 of the Spencer county Code shall be amended and supplemented as follows:

§ 35.11 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT RECORDING FEES

(A) General. The Spencer County Sheriff's Department is empowered to establish and collect fees in accordance with the following definitions and provisions.

(B) Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

AUDIO RECORDING. Any sound recording, including but not limited to 911 calls, dispatch communications, interviews, and other audio files created or maintained by the Spencer County Sheriff's Department.

BODY-WORN CAMERA (BWC). A video-recording device worn on an individual officer's person that stores and records audio and video data directly to the BWC, to a cloud-based server, or otherwise.

PICTURE. Any still photographic image, whether in digital or physical format, created, received, or otherwise maintained by the Spencer County Sheriff's Department.

PERSON. Any individual, partnership, co-partnership, firm, company, corporation, association, or other similarly situated legal entity.

VIDEO RECORDING. Any moving visual recording, with or without audio, including but not limited to dash camera footage, BWC footage, surveillance footage, and other video files created, received, or otherwise maintained by the Spencer Counter Sheriff's Department.

(C) Fees for services. The Spencer County Sheriff's Department, having jurisdiction, may charge a service fee not in excess of the cost for providing to any person the following services pursuant to I.C. 16-10-1-27.

(1) For services provided in making copies of audio recordings, including 911 recordings, on CD, USB, or other applicable medium, as authorized by I.C. 36-8-2-4;

(2) For services provided in making copies of pictures on CD, USB, or other applicable medium as authorized by I.C. 36-8-2-4;

(3) For services provided in making copies of video recordings, including but not limited to body-worn camera footage, as authorized by I.C. 36-8-2-4; and

(4) For services provided in mailing any of the foregoing recordings to requestors, as authorized by I.C. 36-8-2-4.

(D) Collection accounting and disposition. The Spencer County Sheriff's Department shall collect such fees established as part of this section in accordance with the schedule designated under division (E) below.

a. All fees collected by the Sheriff's Department shall be accounted for in detail for each program service area;

b. All fees collected by the Sheriff's Department shall be transferred to the County

General Fund. The monies collected in accordance with the provisions of this section shall be used only for the maintenance or future expansion of the specific program services from which they are derived.

(E) Schedule of fees.

Type of Service	Fee
Recording (Photographic) Media	
Picture CD	\$25.00
Picture USB	\$30.00
Picture (Other)	\$35.00
Recording (Audio) Media	
Audio/911 Recording CD	\$25.00
Audio/911 Recording USB	\$30.00
Audio/911 Recording (Other)	\$35.00
Recording (Video) Media	
Video Recording (including BWC)	\$150.00
Additional Services	
Mailing Fee	\$5.00
In-Person Pick-Up	\$0.00

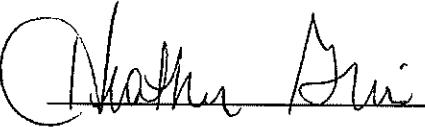
Section 2. Severability. If any section, provision, or clause of this Ordinance shall be held to be unenforceable, such determination shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect, following its passage and adoption by the Spencer county Commissioners.

Passed and adopted by the Spencer County, Indiana, this 20th day of Jan, 2026.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
SPENCER COUNTY, INDIANA


Jim Seiler, President


Heather Gries


Malcolm "Mac" Webb

ATTEST:

I, the undersigned Auditor of Spencer County, Indiana, do hereby certify that above and foregoing is a full, true, and complete copy of Ordinance No. 2026-01 passed by the Board of Commissioners of Spencer County, Indiana, on the 20th day of Jan, 2026, by a vote of 3 AYES and 0 NAYS and now remains on file and on record in my office.


Melissa Bunner, Auditor