

Ordinance No. 15

An Ordinance governing the prosecution of offenses within the jurisdiction of the Mayor's Court.

Be it ordained by the Town Council of the Incorporated Town of Tontitown Arkansas.

- I That jurisdiction shall vest in the Mayor to hear and determine all cases wherein any person is charged with a violation of any penal ordinance of said Town when such offense shall be committed in his presence or in the presence of the Marshall or his deputy or other peace officer, or when information on oath is given of any such offense by any other person whether the same be reduced to writing or not.
- II The rules of procedure in justice courts for the trial of misdemeanor cases, so far as applicable shall govern the trial, verdict, judgment and execution in the Mayor's Court, except when otherwise provided by Ordinance or by law of said Town.
- III No written information or pleadings shall be required in the prosecution of offenses against any Ordinance or by law of said Town.
- IV All prosecutions in the Mayor's Court shall stand for trial immediately unless for cause shown the case is continued; in which case the defendant shall give bail in a sum to be fixed by the Mayor, with similar conditions and obligations as in cases of bail in misdemeanor cases before a justice of the peace, and the Marshall or his deputy shall take the bail.
- V In all cases when properly demanded, the Mayor shall issue a warrant for the arrest of any person offending against any Ordinance or by-law of said Town, without requiring the person preferring the charge to give bond or security for cost.
- VI Except when otherwise provided by Ordinance all issues of law and facts shall be tried by the Mayor unless the defendant demand a trial by jury, in which case the same shall be tried by a jury of twelve men, unless the defendant shall consent to be tried by a less number.
- VII That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved July 11, 1916

Leo Maestri  
Mayor