

## 01-22-2020 Town Council Meeting Responses to Council Questions

### **ITEM #16: Consider Establishing Town of Chapel Hill Fund for Criminal Justice Debt**

**Council Question:**

Does the proposal include fines ordered as part of sentencing, or just court fees?

**Staff Response:**

*The proposed criminal justice debt fund is intended to offset court costs and fees, not fines and other restitution.*

**Council Question:**

Very roughly, what does the court cost the town each year (I'm assuming we handle things like janitorial service)?

**Staff Response:**

*Direct facility maintenance costs associated with court operations including daily maintenance & repair, custodial service, pest control, and utilities:*

- *FY17 \$22,609*
- *FY18 \$19,842*
- *FY19 \$18,251*

*One notable item requested by the court was the installation of access control for the facility which cost the town approximately \$50,000 in FY17/18.*