

CITY OF ESSEX JUNCTION, VT**MUNICIPAL CODE****CHAPTER 9
ENFORCEMENT****SECTION 901:**

The following Chapters of this Municipal Code shall constitute civil ordinances within the meaning of 24 V.S.A. Chapter 59:

Chapter 2 - General Regulation of Public Streets

Chapter 3 - General Regulation of Public Parks

Chapter 4 - Regulation of the Use of Firearms and Bows and Arrows

Chapter 5 - Regulation of Dogs

Chapter 6 – Public Nuisance

Chapter 11 - Regulations of Waste Disposal

Chapter 12 - Regulations of Placement of Newsracks in the Public Right-of-Way

Chapter 16 - Ordinance Prohibiting Placing Substances in Public Fountains

Chapter 17 - Ordinance Regulating Keeping of Domesticated Chickens in Backyards

Chapter 18 – Ordinance Regulating Control of Litter, Refuse, Garbage, Junk, Junk Motor Vehicles, Trash and Solid Waste

SECTION 902:

Any person who violates a provision of any Chapter of this Municipal Code that is designated a civil ordinance pursuant to Section 901 above shall be subject to a civil penalty of up to \$500 per day for each day that such violation continues. Police Officers of the Town of Essex and the City's Zoning Administrator or their designee shall be authorized to act as Issuing Municipal Officials to issue and pursue before the Judicial Bureau a municipal complaint.

SECTION 903:

An Issuing Municipal Official is authorized to recover a waiver fee, in lieu of a civil penalty, in the following amount, for any person who declines to contest a municipal complaint and pays the waiver fee:

First offense - \$ **25** Third offense - \$ **100**

Second offense - \$ **50** Fourth - and subsequent offenses \$ **250**

Offenses shall be counted on a calendar year basis.

SECTION 904:

Unless an ordinance contains different violation offense levels or penalty amounts, an Issuing Municipal Official is authorized to recover civil penalties in the following amounts for each violation:

First offense - \$50 Third offense - \$200

Second offense - \$100 Fourth offense - and subsequent offenses \$500

Offenses shall be counted on a calendar year basis.

SECTION 905:

In addition to the enforcement procedures available before the Judicial Bureau, the Municipal Manager is authorized to commence a civil action to obtain injunctive and other appropriate relief, or to pursue any other remedy authorized by law. If the City is required to seek enforcement of any civil ordinance in Section 901 or otherwise, the City shall be entitled to seek attorney fees and costs in addition to civil penalties.

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