



## City Council

### **Amend Title 4.44 and 4.50 of the Olympia Municipal Code relating to Uniform Civil Enforcement to have Higher Civil Infraction Penalties for Repeat Code Violators**

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**Title**

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**Body**

**Issue:**

Shall the Council authorize additional compliance tools for staff to use in those cases involving a property owner, tenant, hired contractor or property manager who has repeatedly not been in compliance with various sections of the Olympia Municipal Code.

**Staff Contact:**

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**Presenter(s):**

Tom Hill, Building Official, Permit and Inspection Services Manager

**Committee Recommendation:**

Not referred to a committee.

**City Manager's Recommendation:**

Move to approve the proposed amendment to the Uniform Civil Enforcement Ordinance on first reading and send the ordinance to second reading.

**Background and Analysis:**

The Coalition of Neighborhood Associations (CNA) and staff have discussed options for dealing with repeated code violations at the same property.

Currently, City ordinance imposes a maximum fine of \$250 for the third or more same violation. The recommended change creates a "repeat offender" category so that ANY three or more code violations of OMC Titles 4, 8, 13, 16, 17 or 18 in a 24-month period will be subject to the \$250 fine.

**Those OMC Titles address:**

- Title 4: Fees and Fines

- Title 8: Health and Safety
- Title 13: Public Services
- Title 16: Buildings and Construction
- Title 17: Subdivisions
- Title 18: Unified Development Code

Both staff and the CNA hope the "repeat offender" penalty will provide code enforcement officers with additional leverage to bring more properties into quicker compliance.

**Neighborhood/Community/Business Interests:**

Prompt resolution of code enforcement issues. Reduction in repeat offenses with the same property.

**Options:**

**Staff recommends:**

1. Approve the ordinance on first reading and forward to second reading.
2. Close the Public Hearing and request additional information.

**Financial Impact:**

Unknown.