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Chapter 1.16

ENFORCEMENT--VIOLATIONS, PROCESS, NOTICE AND ORDER TO ABATE, REMEDIES, AND PENALTIES

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The city may enforce any violation of the provisions of the city of Angels Municipal Code by any one or more of the following methods alone or in combination, at the city's discretion:

- A. City abatement and assessments per Chapters 1.17;
- B. Administrative citations per Chapter 1.18;
- C. Denial, forfeiture, or revocation of any permit granted by the city per Section 1.16.170;
- D. Criminal citations per Section 1.16.140;
- E. Criminal prosecution per Section 1.16.150;
- F. Civil litigation per Section 1.16.160;
- G. Recording a notice of violation per Chapter 1.17;
- H. Any other alternative remedy alone or in combination with the preceding as per Section 1.16.160. (Ord. 514 §1 (Att. A), 2021)

1.16.120 Penalties and fines--Infractions and misdemeanors, building and safety codes, and fire codes

A. Infraction. A person who violates a provision of this code, or who fails to comply with a requirement of this code, is guilty of an infraction, unless the violation is specifically identified in this code as a misdemeanor. An infraction is punishable by:

1. A fine not exceeding one hundred dollars for a first violation.
2. A fine not exceeding two hundred dollars for a second violation of the same code provision within a twelve-month period.
3. A fine not exceeding five hundred dollars for each additional violation of the same code provision within a twelve-month period.
4. An offense, which would otherwise be an infraction, is a misdemeanor if a person has been convicted of two or more violations of the same code provision within a twelve-month period. For this subsection, a bail forfeiture is considered a conviction of the offense charged.
5. An infraction is not punishable by imprisonment. A person charged with an infraction is not entitled to a jury trial nor to a public defense unless arrested and not released.

B. Misdemeanor. A person who violates a provision of this code, or who fails to comply with a requirement of this code, is guilty of a misdemeanor if the violation is specifically identified in this code as a misdemeanor or the provisions of subsection (A)(4) of this section apply. A misdemeanor is punishable by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or imprisonment not exceeding six months, or both.

C. Violation of Local Building and Safety Codes. Violations of the building and safety codes set forth in the city of Angels Municipal Code are punishable by the following unless specifically established otherwise in the code:

1. A fine not exceeding one hundred thirty dollars for a first violation.
2. A fine not exceeding seven hundred dollars for a second violation of the same code provision within a twelve-month period.
3. A fine not exceeding one thousand three hundred dollars for each additional violation of the same code provision within a twelve-month period.
4. A fine not exceeding two thousand five hundred dollars for each additional violation of the same code provision within two years of the first violation if the property is a commercial property that has an existing building at the time of the violation and the violation is due to failure by the owner to remove visible refuse or failure to prohibit unauthorized use of the property.
5. The city council shall establish a process for granting a hardship waiver by resolution to reduce the amount of the fine upon a showing by the responsible party that the responsible party has made a bona fide effort to comply after the first violation and that payment of the full amount of the fine would impose an undue financial burden on the responsible party.

D. Violation of Fire Codes. Violations of Chapter 8.50 are subject to a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars and other fire codes are in accordance with the preceding subsections.

E. Administrative Citation Fines. Administrative citation penalty fines shall be as established in Section 1.18.040.

F. Other Penalties, Fees, Fines, Charges. This section does not preclude the additional collection of attorneys' fees, administrative costs, interest, late payment charges, costs of compliance reinspections, collection costs in

Chapter 1.17

ENFORCEMENT--PUBLIC NUISANCES, ABATEMENT, RECORDING NOTICES OF VIOLATION

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1.17.250 Abatement process--Weeds, fire hazard, controlled burning.

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Chapter 1.18

ENFORCEMENT--ADMINISTRATIVE CITATIONS

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1.18.020 Violations of building, fire, and zoning codes--Notice and order to abate.

Except as otherwise provided in Section 1.17.230 (Summary abatement of public nuisances posing immediate threat to public health and safety), if a violation pertains to building, plumbing, electrical, or other structural or zoning code issues, or fire codes, the city shall first issue a notice and order to abate in compliance with Section 1.16.050, and if applicable, Section 1.16.060, before issuing an administrative citation under this chapter. (Ord. 514 §1 (Att. C), 2021)

1.18.030 Administrative citation--Content and service.

A. Contents of an Administrative Citation. Each administrative citation shall contain the following information:

1. The date of the violation, or date the violation was observed;
2. The address or a definite description of the location where the violation occurred;
3. The section of the violated code and a description of the violation;
4. The amount of the fine for the code violation;
5. A description of the fine payment process, including a description of the time within which, and the place to which, the fine shall be paid;
6. An order prohibiting the continuation or repeated occurrence of the code violation described in the citation;
7. A description of the administrative citation review process, including the time within which the administrative citation may be contested and the place from which a request-for-hearing form may be obtained to contest the citation; and
8. The name and signature of the citing enforcement officer.

B. In the case of a continuing violation involving building, plumbing, electrical, or other similar structural or zoning issues, or fire codes, identified under the city of Angels Municipal Code, the administrative citation shall also have attached a copy of the notice and order to abate previously sent to the responsible party.

C. Service of Administrative Citation. The administrative citation shall be served in the same manner as prescribed for a notice and order of abatement pursuant to Section 1.16.060. (Ord. 514 §1 (Att. C), 2021)