

AN ORDINANCE

NO. _____

An Ordinance amending Chapter 13 of the Columbus code so as to provide a \$1,000.00 minimum penalty for littering in Columbus, Georgia; and for other purposes.

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA HERBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1

Section 13-155 of the Columbus code is hereby amended by deleting the current language and inserting a new Section 13-155 to read as follows:

“Sec.13-155 Penalties

- (a) Any person violating the provisions of this article shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of \$1,000.00. Upon a finding of indigency of a defendant by the Court, the Court may sentence such a defendant to litter clean-up activity as set forth in subsection (b) of this Code section. In the discretion of the Recorder, violators may also be subject to reimbursement to the City of Columbus for the reasonable cost of removing any litter thrown, deposited, dumped, placed or left in violation of this article.

- (b) In lieu of sentence to a period of imprisonment pursuant to Columbus Code Section 1-8 and in the sound discretion of the Court, such persons, may be ordered to pick up and remove from any public street or highway or public right-of-way for a distance not to exceed one mile per day, any litter he or she has deposited and any and all litter deposited thereon by anyone else prior to the date of imposition of the sentence; or said persons, in the sound discretion of the Court, may be ordered to pick up and remove from any public park or any other public property or with the prior permission of the owner or tenant of any private property upon which it can be established by competent evidence that the convicted person has deposited litter, any and all litter deposited thereon by the convicted person or anyone else prior to the date of the imposition of the sentence.”

SECTION 2

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 25th day of May , 2021, introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the ____ day of _____, 2021 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting	_____
Councilor Barnes	voting	_____
Councilor Crabb	voting	_____
Councilor Davis	voting	_____
Councilor Garrett	voting	_____
Councilor House	voting	_____
Councilor Huff	voting	_____
Councilor Thomas	voting	_____
Councilor Tucker	voting	_____
Councilor Woodson	voting	_____

Sandra T. Davis
Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III
Mayor