



City of New Bedford
IN COMMITTEE

October 14, 2021

The Honorable City Council
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council:

The Committee on Ordinances at a Meeting held on Wednesday, September 22, 2021, considered a COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDINANCE, amending Chapter 17, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, subjecting violators of Chapter 12, Section 12-41.1 – Duty of Property Owners to Maintain Yard and Adjacent Areas to a graduated fine regime, and adding the offenses and associated fines to Section 17-18, Noncriminal Disposition of Violations of Certain Ordinances, Rules and Regulations; AND, Section 17-28, Chapter 40U of the Massachusetts General Laws. (Ref'd 04/08/2021)

On motion by Councillor Lopes and seconded by Councillor Markey, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council ADOPTION of AN ORDINANCE, amending Chapter 17, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, subjecting violators of Chapter 12, Section 12-41.1 – Duty of Property Owners to Maintain Yard and Adjacent Areas to a graduated fine regime, and adding the offenses and associated fines to Section 17-18, Noncriminal Disposition of Violations of Certain Ordinances, Rules and Regulations; AND, Section 17-28, Chapter 40U of the Massachusetts General Laws. This motion passed on a voice vote of all ayes.

IN COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES

Hugh Dunn

Councillor Hugh Dunn, Chairman

HD: dmb



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

In the Year Two Thousand and Twenty-One

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Chapter 17, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions

31- 509

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of New Bedford as follows:—

SECTION 1. Chapter 17, Section 17-18, Noncriminal disposition of violations of certain ordinances, rules and regulations (j) is hereby amended by adding the following as offenses:

<u>Section</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Fine</u>
12.41.1	Duty of Property owners to Maintain Yard and Adjacent Areas	
	First offense:	Written warning \$0.00
	Second offense:	\$25.00
	Third and Fourth offense:	\$50.00
	Fifth through Seventh offense:	\$75.00
	Eight through Tenth offense:	\$100.00
	Eleventh through Fourteenth offense:	\$150.00
	Fifteenth through Twentieth offense:	\$200.00
	Twenty-first through Twenty-fourth offense:	\$250.00
	Twenty-fifth or more offense:	\$300.00

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Section 3.

This ordinance shall take effect in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 43 of the General Laws.