



AMENDMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION FINE AMOUNTS

Community & Economic Development Department

City Council
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BACKGROUND

- In 1999, fine amounts for violations of the Riverside Municipal Code (“RMC”) were imposed and assessed by means of administrative citation set by ordinance 6479 § 1
- RMC 1.17.230 (A) currently provides that the fine for a violation issued by administrative citation is \$100 for the first occurrence, \$200 for the second occurrence of the same type of violation, and \$500 for the third and subsequent occurrences of the same type of violation.



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PURPOSE

- Strengthen the City's enforcement measures and ensure greater compliance.
- Increasing the fine amount will improve compliance by encouraging property owners and businesses to address violations promptly, thereby reducing the likelihood of repeated infractions.



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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- On January 12, 2026, the Land Use Committee approved Staff's recommendation to adopt an ordinance increasing Administrative Citation fine amounts.
- Land Use Committee requested staff return in one year to provide an update on the effectiveness of the adjustments.



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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council:

- Introduce and subsequently adopt an ordinance amending section 1.17.230(A) of the Riverside Municipal Code raising administrative citations fine amounts to \$100, \$500, and \$1,000



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