

**ORDINANCE NO. XXXX SUPPLEMENTAL
AMENDING CHAPTER 146, SECTION 13 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES
CONCERNING THE SETTING OF A FINE THAT MAY BE IMPOSED BY THE HEALTH
DEPARTMENT FOR VIOLATION OF CHAPTER 146 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES**

WHEREAS, the City has established minimum housing standards as found in Chapter 146 of the Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Section 146-13 provides for violations and penalties that may be levied when said housing standards are violated; and

WHEREAS, Section 146-13 does not currently provide for fines that may be levied by the Health Department; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Board of Representatives to strengthen enforcement of the City's minimum housing standards in the Code of Ordinances by helping to ensure compliance by setting a fine of \$250.00 for violations of said standards, which fine may be imposed by the Health Department.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT Section 146-13 of the Code of Ordinances shall be amended as follows:

Sec. 146-13. Violations and penalties.

- A. Whenever any person violates or threatens to violate any provision of this chapter or any provision of any rule or regulation adopted by the Director of Health pursuant to authority granted by this chapter or any order of the Director of Health, said Director of Health is authorized, in the name of the municipality, to institute before any court having jurisdiction a civil action praying for an injunction restraining any such person from committing such violation. In conformity with Sec. ~~C-423~~ C5-40-4 of the City Charter, in the event of the failure of any person to comply with the order, the Director of Health may cause compliance therewith, and the expense of the compliance may be collected as a debt against such person.
- B. Any person who shall violate any provision of this chapter or any provision of any rule or regulation adopted by the Director of Health pursuant to authority granted by this chapter or any order of the Director of Health shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.) and/or a jail sentence not to exceed thirty (30) days, and each day's failure to comply with any such provision shall constitute a separate violation.

In addition to the foregoing penalties, any person who shall violate any provision of this chapter or any provision of any rule or regulation adopted by the Director of Health pursuant to authority granted by this chapter or any order of the Director of Health may be issued a civil citation by the Director of Health in the amount of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00.), and each day's failure to comply with any such provision shall constitute a separate violation. Any such citation may be appealed to a municipal citation officer as set forth in Chapter 97 of the Code of Ordinances.