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City Council President Robert Scatamacchia
and Members of the Haverhill City Council

RE: Trash Ordinances

Dear President Scatamacchia and members of the City Council:

Attached, please find a proposed ordinance to increase the fines for second and third offenders for violations of our various trash ordinances.

We have been making a great effort as a city to make certain that all of our city, particularly the inner city areas, is clean. We have been sweeping streets on a more regular basis and starting this spring, we are going to be sweeping streets and enforcing the rules that people must move their vehicles so that street sweepers can get up and down the streets. We have put on additional compliance officers to enforce our trash rules and we now, on occasion, send people out on overtime on Saturdays and Sundays to make certain that the trash rules are enforced.

The overwhelming number of our citizens comply with our trash rules. When they do not, we usually find that a warning letter will ensure compliance. When a warning letter does not work, we issue tickets.

Unfortunately, we have a small number of absentee landlords who routinely violate our rules and simply pay the ticket. There is no increased fine for a second or third offense.

This ordinance would allow us to impose additional penalties for a second or third offense.

As you know, ordinances must sit on file for two weeks after which time I recommend approval.

Very truly yours,

James J. Fiorentini, Mayor

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Encl.



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CITY OF HAVERHILL

In Municipal Council

ORDERED:

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE

CHAPTER 1

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO
GENERAL PROVISIONS

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Haverhill that Chapter 1-16, "General penalty; specific penalties; noncriminal disposition; enforcement", as amended, be and is hereby further amended as follows:

§1-16(B)(2)

By deleting the figure "\$25" after "§11-33 Violation of any rule or regulation of the Board of Health" and inserting in place thereof the following words and figures:

"1st Offense \$25
2nd Offense \$50
3rd Offense \$100"

By deleting the figure "\$100" after "§11-39 Dumping rubbish, etc Biodegradable material; brush, trees and leaves" and inserting in place thereof the following words and figures:

"1st Offense \$100
2nd Offense \$200
3rd Offense \$300"

By deleting the figure "\$50" after "§11-39 Violation of garbage, refuse and dumpster rules and regulations" and inserting in place thereof the following words and figures:

"1st Offense \$50
2nd Offense \$100
3rd Offense \$300"

APPROVED AS TO LEGALITY:

City Solicitor