



## CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: 6/8/2021

Item Creation Date:

LGL ORD to increase fines for illegal dumping

Agenda Item#: 23.

### **Summary:**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO FINES FOR DUMPING OF REFUSE; CONTAINING FINDINGS AND OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE FOREGOING SUBJECT; CONTAINING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

### **Background:**

The Legal Department recommends that City Council approve an ordinance amending various sections of the Houston Code of Ordinances related to dumping and increasing the penalty to a maximum fine of \$4,000.00

Section 54.001 of the Local Government Code allows municipalities to enforce a rule, ordinance or police regulation that governs the dumping of refuse by a fine or penalty of up to \$4,000.00

The city ordinance that relates to the dumping of refuse has not been amended and still carries a maximum penalty of \$2,000.00. The attached ordinance would amend this section by increasing the maximum penalty to \$4,000.00, as permitted by state law.

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### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Description	Type
Ordinance	Signed Cover sheet