Introduced February 25, 2003, by Councilman Cromer, seconded by Councilman Canada

Item No. 03-02-2340

ORDINANCE NO. 3120

An ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, Chapter 11 Criminal Code, Sec. 11-124 Littering, relative to littering fines.

WHEREAS, littering has become more and more prevalent over the years since the City last stipulated penalties for littering; and

WHEREAS, enhanced penalties are a method by which littering can be reduced.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council that it does hereby amend its Code of Ordinances, Chapter 11 Criminal Code, as follows:

Sec. 11.124. Littering.

Delete Paragraph "b" in its entirety and replace with the following:

- "(b) (1) Whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall, upon first conviction be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than two hundred fifty dollars and sentenced to serve four hours of community service in a litter abatement work program as approved by the court.
- (2) Upon second conviction, an offender shall be fined not less than two hundred fifty dollars nor more than three hundred fifty dollars and sentenced to serve eight hours of community service in a litter work abatement work program as approved by the court.

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- (3) Upon third or subsequent conviction, an offender shall be fined not less than three hundred fifty dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, be imprisoned for not more than six months, or sentenced to serve not less than twenty-four hours of community service in a litter abatement work program as approved by the court, or all or any combination of the aforementioned penalties.
- (4) The Judge may require an individual convicted of a violation of this Section to remove litter from public streets, public rights of way, public parks, public playgrounds or other appropriate locations for any prescribed period of time in lieu of the penalties prescribed in this Section."
- (c) A person may be found guilty and sentenced under this Section although commission of the offense did not occur in the presence of a law enforcement officer if the evidence presented to the court establishes that the defendant has committed the offense.
- (d) For purposes of this Section, each occurrence shall constitute a separate offense.
- (e) In addition to the penalties otherwise provided in this Section, a person convicted under this Section shall repair or restore property damaged by or pay damages for any damage arising out of violation of this Section."

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