

BY AUTHORITY

ORDINANCE NO. _____
SERIES OF 2025

COUNCIL BILL NO. CB25-1567
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:
Finance and Business

A BILL

For an ordinance adding a new section establishing the maximum possible civil penalty for violations of Article VIII of Chapter 27 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. Article VIII of Chapter 27 shall be amended by adding a new section 27-203 to read as follows:

Sec. 27-203. – Administrative assessment of civil penalties.

(a) *Civil penalty.* In addition to any other penalties prescribed by this Code or other applicable statutory authority, any person who violates any provision of Article VIII of Chapter 27 is also subject to a civil penalty of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) per violation, per day, notwithstanding any provision in this Code. Such violations shall be considered property violations for which the City may assess a lien against the property in violation pursuant to Article XII of Chapter 2 of this Code. Enforcement actions are intended to be cumulative in nature. The city may pursue one (1) or more civil, criminal, and administrative actions, fees, fines, sentences, penalties, judgments, and remedies and may do so simultaneously or in succession.

(b) *Appeal procedure.* Any person who disputes a violation for which a civil penalty is assessed may file a notice of appeal pursuant to Article XII of Chapter 2 of this Code and rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the director.

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1 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: October 28, 2025

2 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: November 4, 2025

3 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL: 11/17/2025

4 Signed by: Amanda P. Sandoval - PRESIDENT
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5 APPROVED: Michael C. Johnston - MAYOR 11/19/2025
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6 ATTEST: _____ - CLERK AND RECORDER,
7 EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
8 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

9 NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DENVER POST: _____;

10 PREPARED BY: Gennevieve St. Leger, Assistant City Attorney DATE: November 6, 2025

11 Pursuant to section 13-9, D.R.M.C., this proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the office of the
12 City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form and have no legal objection to the proposed
13 ordinance. The proposed ordinance is not submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to §
14 3.2.6 of the Charter.

15 Katie J. McLoughlin, Interim City Attorney

16 BY: Jonathan Griffin, Assistant City Attorney DATE: 11/6/2025 | 9:36 AM MST
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