

ORDINANCE No. 137

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE MAXIMUM FINE AND PENALTY AT \$500 FOR CERTAIN ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS AND SETTING THE MAXIMUM FINE OR PENALTY AT \$2,000 ON CERTAIN OFFENSES AUTHORIZED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 54, AND COLLECTION PROCEDURES FOR ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS IN THE TOWN OF INDIAN LAKE.

NOW THEREFOR BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN LAKE:

Whenever, in any ordinance of the Town, an act is prohibited or is made or declared to be unlawful or an offense or misdemeanor, or whenever an ordinance required the doing of any act or the failure to do so is declared to be unlawful the violation of such ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of not less than ONE DOLLAR and not more than FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS generally as follows: \$100 for the first offense, \$250 for the second offense, and \$500 for each additional offense of the ordinance; provided, however, that no penalty shall be greater or less than the penalty provided for the same or similar offense under the laws of the State. Each day any violation of any ordinance shall continue shall constitute a separate offense.

It would also be in the best interest of the Town of Indian Lake that to insure observance of certain public health and safety regulations that the municipal court of the Town of Indian Lake have increased jurisdiction to assess a fine not to exceed \$2,000. Therefore, the municipal court of the Town of Indian Lake shall have the authority to levy a fine or penalty not to exceed \$2,000 for violation of all such rules, ordinances, and police regulations that govern fire safety, zoning, public health and sanitation other than vegetation and litter violation. And a fine or penalty of \$4,000 for the dumping of refuse. Each day any violation of any ordinance shall continue shall constitute a separate violation.

It is also in the best interest of the Town of Indian Lake to send to a collection agency and all unpaid ordinance violations after 30 days of non-payment unless a payment agreement has been made prior to the 30 days.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 18th DAY OF MARCH, 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Secretary