

Zoning Ordinance Amendment 25-03

Amending the Zoning Ordinance regarding Penalties.

The Town Commissioners of the Town of Bunn, North Carolina ordains: The following Article be amended in the Town Zoning Ordinance:

Article XIII. Administration, Enforcement and Amendments

Section 6. Enforcement of Zoning Ordinance

a. Civil Penalties

A 15 day grace period on all offenses that do not endanger public safety or wellbeing.

The Administrator may impose a civil penalty by giving the violator a written citation, either in person or by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested. The citation shall describe the nature of the violation, specify the amount of the civil penalty being imposed, and direct the violator to pay the civil penalty to the Town of Bunn within 10 days of the date the citation is received. If the violator fails to either pay the civil penalty or correct the violation within this time limit, the Administrator may institute a civil action in the nature of a debt in a court of competent jurisdiction to recover the civil penalty.

For purposes of assessing the amount of a civil penalty, each day the violation remains uncorrected after receipt of the correction order (or receipt of the citation itself in the case of emergency enforcement) shall constitute a separate violation that subjects the violator to additional civil penalty. ~~The amounts are noted below:~~ **Violation of this Ordinance subjects the violator to a civil penalty up to \$500.00 per day.**

~~_____ \$25.00 fine per day for first 15 days (beginning immediately for offenses that endanger public safety~~

or wellbeing)

_____ ~~\$250.00 fine per day for next 15 days~~

_____ ~~\$2500.00 fine per day for remainder of the violation~~

Article III. Section 8. Penalties shall read as follows:

Penalties shall be enforced in accordance with Article XIII, Section 7. ~~Any person violating any provisions of this ordinance, or who shall violate or fail to comply with any order made there under; or who shall continue to work upon any structure after having received written notice from the Zoning Enforcement Officer to cease work, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punishable by a fine not to exceed (\$50). Each day such violation shall be permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense. Notice of violation shall be sufficient if directed to such owner, the agent of the owner, or the contractor and left at this known place of residence or place of business.~~

The foregoing Ordinance 25-03 upon motion of Town Commissioner ** and second by Town Commissioner **, and having been submitted to a roll call vote received the following votes and was ***** on this the ** day of *** 2025. Yes:. No: . Abstain: . Absent: .

Marsha Strawbridge, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dottie Taylor, Town Clerk

Approved to Legal Form:

Brian Pridgen, Town Attorney

