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Honorable City Council
The City of Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon, New York
(Through the Office of the Mayor)

Re: Amendment to City Code Chapter 191-3 (Littering _ Revised Fine Schedule)

Dear Honorable City Council Members:

The Department of Public Works submits this referral for Council consideration of an amendment to Chapter 191, §191-3 of the City Code concerning littering violations and associated fines.

Section 191-3 currently establishes a single fine range for littering offenses. Based on recent enforcement experience, DPW is recommending that the penalty language be revised to a graduated structure tied to repeat violations. The intent is to keep the entry penalty meaningful, while creating a stronger consequence for repeat offenders whose actions continue to impact streets, sidewalks, and public spaces.

This amendment does not change the underlying prohibition on littering. It updates only the fine structure.

Proposed graduated fines:

- First offense: \$250
- Second offense: \$1,000
- Third and subsequent offenses: \$2,500

Proposed Code Revision — §191-3(D)

Current Language (to be removed):

[Any person violating any provision of Subsection A, B or C shall be guilty of a violation of this chapter, which shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$250 nor more than \$2,500.]

New Language (to be adopted):

Any person violating any provision of Subsection A, B or C shall be subject to the following fines:

- (1) First offense: \$250
- (2) Second offense: \$1,000
- (3) Third and each subsequent offense: \$2,500.

Requested Action

The Department of Public Works respectfully requests that the City Council approve the amendment to Chapter 191, §191-3 to adopt the revised graduated fine schedule outlined above.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact my office if any additional information would be helpful.

Respectfully,

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Damani L. Bush

Commissioner of Public Works

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