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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 140-2 (Receptacles)**

Dear Honorable City Council Members:

The Department of Public Works respectfully submits for your consideration a proposed amendment to Chapter 140, §140-6 of the City Code to revise the penalty schedule for violations of the garbage, rubbish, and refuse regulations.

The current code provides a broad fine range. The proposed amendment replaces that range with a defined, graduated structure based on repeat offenses. This change is intended to support consistent enforcement and improve compliance by clearly establishing escalating penalties for repeat violations.

The revised penalty schedule would read as follows:

- First offense: \$100
- Second offense: \$500
- Third and subsequent offenses: \$1,000

**Proposed Code Revision — §140-6**

**Current Language (to be removed):**

*[Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this article or rules promulgated by the Commissioner pursuant to this article shall, on conviction thereof, be subject to a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000]*

**New Language (to be adopted):**

*Any person who shall violate any provision of this article or any rule promulgated by the Commissioner pursuant to this article shall, upon conviction, be subject to the following fines:*

- (1) First offense: \$100
- (2) Second offense: \$500
- (3) Third and each subsequent offense: \$1,000.

**Requested Action**

The Department of Public Works respectfully requests that the City Council approve the amendment to Chapter 140, §140-6 adopting the graduated penalty schedule as outlined above.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact my office if additional information is needed.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Damani L. Bush', with a stylized, flowing script.

**Damani L. Bush**

Commissioner of Public Works

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