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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 140-24 (Unauthorized Dumping)**

Dear Honorable City Council Members:

The Department of Public Works respectfully submits for your consideration a proposed amendment to Chapter 140, §140-24 of the City Code concerning unauthorized dumping violations and associated penalties.

This amendment is intended to strengthen and clarify the enforcement framework for illegal dumping. Field experience has shown that updates to this section are warranted to improve deterrence and support enforcement actions.

Under the proposed amendment, the penalty schedule would be:

- First offense: \$10,000
- Second offense: \$15,000
- Third and subsequent offenses: \$20,000

**Proposed Code Revision — §140-24 (Penalty Subsection Only)**

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

*[Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be liable for a fine of not less than \$5,000 nor more than \$20,000. In addition, every owner of a dump truck or other vehicle shall be liable for a fine of not less than \$1,500 nor more than \$10,000 for each offense of unlawful dumping described in §140-24 by any person using or operating the same in the business of such owner or otherwise, with the permission, express or implied of such owner.]*

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

Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be liable for the following fines:

- (1) First offense: \$10,000

(2) Second offense: \$15,000

(3) Third and each subsequent offense: \$20,000.

In addition, every owner of a dump truck or other vehicle shall be liable for a fine of not less than \$1,500 nor more than \$10,000 for each offense of unlawful dumping described in §140-24 by any person using or operating the same in the business of such owner or otherwise, with the permission, express or implied of such owner.

**Requested Action**

The Department of Public Works respectfully requests that the City Council approve the amendment to Chapter 140, §140-24 adopting the graduated penalty schedule as outlined above.

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

Respectfully,



**Damani L. Bush**

Commissioner of Public Works

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