

CITY OF ALAMEDA ORDINANCE NO. _____

AMENDING ALAMEDA MUNICIPAL CODE 1-5.3 (CIVIL ACTION ENFORCEMENT) OF CHAPTER 1 (GENERAL) TO IMPROVE THE CITY'S COLLECTIONS PROCESSES

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to authorize the City Attorney to initial legal action, or delegate staff to initiate legal action, to collect debts within the jurisdiction of Limited Civil Cases, in alignment with the City's improved and equitable Collections Policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Alameda does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. AMENDMENT TO ALAMEDA MUNICIPAL CODE.

Section No. 1-5 (PENALTY PROVISIONS, ENFORCEMENT) of Chapter 1 (GENERAL) of the Alameda Municipal Code, is hereby amended as follows (underlined for additions and ~~strikeout~~ for deletions):

1-5.3 - Civil Action Enforcement.

- a. In addition to the penalties provided for in this chapter, any violation of this code or City ordinance may be redressed by civil action. Any condition existing in violation of this code or a City ordinance or any order, rule or regulation issued or promulgated by any duly authorized officer or agent of the City, is deemed to be a public nuisance.
- b. The City attorney may bring civil suit or other action to enforce any ordinance or section of this Code, to enjoin or prevent any violation of any ordinance, or to abate any public nuisance as defined or declared by this Code.
- c. The City Attorney may authorize any legal action to collect debts due to the City in amounts up to and including the jurisdictional limits of a Limited Civil Case under California State law.
- d. The remedy by civil action to enforce any ordinance or section of this Code is in addition to any other remedies available under ordinance, City code or statute and does not replace or support any other remedy but is cumulative thereto.

SECTION 2. Severability.

If any provision of this Ordinance is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, this invalidity shall not affect other provisions of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision and therefore the provisions of this Ordinance are severable. The City Council declares that it would have enacted each section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph and sentence notwithstanding the invalidity of any other section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph or sentence.

SECTION 3. Repeal.

Any provision of the Alameda Municipal Code inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, to the extent of such inconsistencies and no further, is hereby repealed or modified to the extent necessary to effect the provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the expiration of thirty (30) days from the date of its final passage.

Presiding Officer of the City Council

Attest:

Lara Weisiger, City Clerk
City of Alameda

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was duly and regularly adopted and passed by Council of the City of Alameda in regular meeting assembled on the 20th day of January 2026, by the following vote to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of said City this 21st day of January 2026.

Lara Weisiger, City Clerk
City of Alameda

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Yibin Shen, City Attorney
City of Alameda