

BILL NO: 3 OF 2022
INTRODUCED: May 26, 2022
BY: Councilman John Nestor
ENACTED:
ORDINANCE:

CITY OF MONESSEN

ORDINANCE 1258

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MONESSEN, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 300 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES, THE QUALITY OF LIFE ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, Council for the City of Monessen enacted Ordinance No. 5-2018, which adopted the Quality of Life Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Council for the City of Monessen has determined that it is necessary to increase the fines associated with violations of the Quality of Life Ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained and enacted by the City of Monessen, Westmoreland County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

Section 1. Chapter 300, Section 11 Shall be amended as follows:

- a. Any person who violates this Quality of Life Ordinance ("QOL") shall pay a fine as set forth herein for each offense, plus all direct and indirect costs incurred by the City for the cleanup of abatement of the violation.

Violation	Description	Initial Fine
QOL-A	Accumulation of rubbish, garbage, junk or litter. (§ 300-5A)	\$50.00
QOL-B	Sorting of hazardous material. (§ 300-5B)	\$50.00
QOL-C	Storing of recyclables. (§ 300-5C)	\$50.00
QOL-D	Storage containers for waste or trash. (§ 300-5D)	\$50.00
QOL-E	Littering, scattering rubbish or dumping. (§ 300-5D)	\$50.00
QOL-F	Motor Vehicles. (§ 300-5E)	\$50.00
QOL-G	Placement or littering by private advertising matter. (§ 300-5G)	\$50.00
QOL-H	Animal maintenance and waste/feces cleanup. (§ 300-5H)	\$50.00
QOL-I	Insects or vermin. (§ 300-5I)	\$50.00
QOL-J	High weeds, grass, plant growth, or standing water. (§ 300-5J)	\$50.00

QOL-K	Snow and ice removal from sidewalks. (§ 300-5K)	\$50.00
QOL-L	Swimming pools. (§ 300-5L)	\$50.00
QOL-M	Registration of tenants. (§ 300-5M)	\$50.00
QOL-N	Permits and approvals. (§ 300-5N)	\$50.00
QOL-O	Property maintenance. (§ 300-5O)	\$50.00
QOL-P	Sidewalks. (§ 300-5P)	\$50.00
QOL-Q	Proper identifications of properties. (§ 300-5Q)	\$50.00
QOL-R	Outside placement of indoor appliances/furniture. (§ 300-5R)	\$50.00
QOL-S	Dangerous Trees. (§ 300-5S)	\$50.00
QOL-T	Defacement of property. (§ 300-5T)	\$50.00
QOL-U	Hedge, tree, and vegetation overgrowth (§ 300-5U)	\$50.00

- b. For the first instance of a violation of this chapter within a twelve-month period, violation tickets shall be issued in the amount of \$50 as set forth in the chart set forth in § 300-10A of this chapter.
- c. For the second violation of this chapter within a twelve-month period, violation tickets shall be issued in the amounts of \$75.
- d. For the third offense of a violation of this chapter within a twelve-month period, violation tickets shall be issued in the amounts of \$100.
- e. For each offense subsequent to three offenses of this chapter within a twelve-month period, amounts of the violation tickets shall increase in the amount of \$150, accumulative for each subsequent offense.
- f. Upon issuance of four tickets for the same violation, the City reserves the right to issue a citation for the first and subsequent offenses.
- g. Council may revise the fines and penalties set forth herein by resolution.

Section 2. Chapter 300, Section 12 shall be amended as follows:

- a. If the person, or entity, in receipt of a First Violation does not pay the fine or request a hearing within 10 calendar days, the person or entity will be subject to a penalty of \$10. Any person or entity who does not pay the fine or request a hearing within 20 calendar days will be subject to an additional penalty of \$25.
- b. If the person, or entity, in receipt of a Second Violation does not pay the fine or request a hearing within 10 calendar days, the person or entity will be subject to a penalty of \$25. Any person or entity who does not pay the fine or request a hearing within 20 calendar days will be subject to an additional penalty of \$50.

- c. If the person or entity, in receipt of a Third Violation or more violation, does not pay the fine or request a hearing within 10 calendar days the person or entity will be subject to a penalty of \$75. Any person or entity who does not pay the fine or request a hearing within 20 calendar days will be subject to an additional penalty of \$75.
- d. Failure of the person or entity to make payment or request a hearing within 30 calendar days of a violation ticket in any amount shall be issued a citation for failure to pay.

Section 3. Repealer

It is the intention of the City Council of the City of Monessen that all ordinances that are in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed. Further, any ordinance not specifically mentioned in this ordinance that is not in conflict with this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. Severability.

If any portion of this ordinance is declared by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, it is the intention of the Council of the Borough of Canonsburg that all other parts remain in effect.

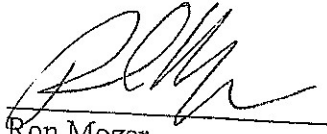
Section 5. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall be in effect ten (10) days after enactment.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED on this 23rd day of June, 2022.

ATTEST:


Cheryl Gordon
City Clerk


Ron Mozer
Mayor