

Chapter 1 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 1-5. - General penalty for violation of Code; continuing violations; general enforcement procedures.

(a) General Penalty - Whenever in this Code or in any ordinance of the City an act is prohibited or is made or declared to be unlawful or an offense or a misdemeanor, or wherever in such Code or ordinance the doing of any act is required or the failure to do any act is declared to be unlawful, and no specific penalty is provided therefor, the violation of any such provision of this Code or any such ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00); provided, however, that no penalty shall be greater or less than the penalty provided for the same or a similar offense under the laws of the State of Texas. Each day or fractional part thereof any violation of this Code or of any ordinance shall continue shall constitute a separate offense.

(b) General Enforcement Procedures - Authorities designated to enforce violations of this Code shall do so by issuance of a warning (written or verbal), issuance of a court summons/citation, issuance of a fix-it ticket, initiation of the abatement process where prescribed, or by immediately taking the violator before the judge. There is no particular order to the method selection nor shall the enforcement authority be restricted to one enforcement method over another.

Fix-it Ticket: This document is a citation which shall provide the violator with no less than 10 business days to correct the violation resulting in its issuance. Correction of the violation shall be verified by the authority who issued the citation or a police officer employed by the City of Aransas Pass. If brought into compliance with the Code, the fix-it ticket shall be dismissed by the issuing authority or verifying police officer. If the violation for which the ticket was issued has not been remediated by the deadline, the violator shall report to court on the deadline date to respond to the charge cited.

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