

**CITY OF HILLSBORO, OHIO
ORDINANCE NO. 2025-14**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 155.999 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE
CITY OF HILLSBORO PERTAINING TO ZONING VIOLATION PENALTIES**

WHEREAS, Council desires to amend certain sections of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Hillsboro, pertaining to zoning regulations, as recommended by the Planning Commission; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HILLSBORO, STATE OF OHIO, WITH MAJORITY OF ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS CONCURRING THAT:

SECTION 1: That the Codified Ordinances of the City of Hillsboro, specifically section 155.999 of the City Code, shall be amended as follows:

§ 155.999 PENALTY.

(A) No person shall:

- (1) Fail to comply with any rightful order issued pursuant to the regulations of this code;
- (2) Fail to obtain the necessary zoning approvals or any other necessary permit as established in this code;
- (3) Fail to comply with the provisions or regulations of this code in the construction, reconstruction, erection, location, alteration, occupancy, or use of a building, structure, or any part thereof, or the use of any land;
- (4) Permit another person to use a building, structure, or land owned by him or her, who fails to comply with any of the regulations contained herein;
- (5) Fail to comply with a representation made in the application for a zoning certificate or any occupancy certificate or any other permit;
- (6) Fail to meet any obligation or requirement of this code; and
- (7) Knowingly make a false statement, or knowingly swear or affirm the truth of a false statement previously made when any of the conditions set forth below apply:
 - (a) The statement is made for the purpose of misleading a member of the Planning Commission or City Council into performing any duty or making any determination required under this code;
 - (b) The statement is made with the purpose to secure the issuance of any permit or certificate;
 - (c) The statement has been sworn or affirmed before a notary public or other person empowered to administer oaths; and
 - (d) The statement is in writing or in connection with a report, application, or study which is required or authorized.

(B) Each day during which a set of facts exist that constitutes a violation of this zoning code shall constitute a separate offense.

~~(C) Whoever is convicted of, or pleads guilty to, a misdemeanor or minor misdemeanor shall be sentenced in accordance with the provisions set forth in the city code of ordinances.~~

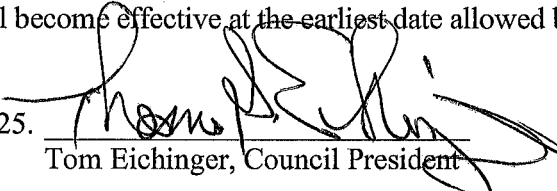
(C) Whoever violates any section of Chapter 155 is guilty of a minor misdemeanor, unless otherwise recited in Chapter 155, and shall be sentenced in accordance with the provisions set forth in the city code of ordinances.

*1st Reading 4/16/2025
2nd Reading 5/15/2025
3rd Reading 6/12/2025*

SECTION 2: That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3: This Ordinance shall become effective at the earliest date allowed by law.

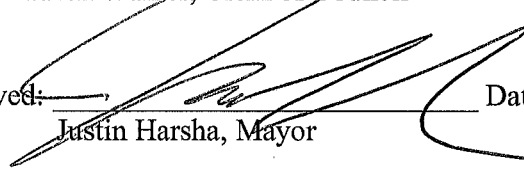
Passed this 12 day of June, 2025.


Tom Eichinger, Council President

Attest:


Lauren Walker, Clerk of Council

Approved:


Justin Harsha, Mayor

Date:

6/16/2025

Prepared by the City Law Director.