

**ORDINANCE 70931**

**BOARD BILL NO. 26 INTRODUCED BY: ALDERWOMAN CHRISTINE INGRASSIA**

1 An ordinance to revise Ordinance 70737, approved March 2, 2018, pertaining to  
2 enforcement of code violations related to buildings, structures and premises in the City of St.  
3 Louis; by amending Ordinance 70737, Section One Sub-section C, related to the procedures for  
4 the collection of administrative citation; containing a severability clause and an emergency  
5 clause.

6 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Board Rule 54, the proposed revisions to Ordinance 70737,  
7 Section One, Sub-section C are set forth herein with additions marked in boldface and deletions  
8 marked with brackets and boldface strikethrough.

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10 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:**

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12 **SECTION ONE.** Section One, sub-Section C of Ordinance 70737, is hereby amended as  
13 follows:

14 C. Any administrative citation fine issued pursuant to this Chapter that is not paid in accordance  
15 with Section 5 may be collected by any of the following methods:

16 1. The amount of the unpaid administrative citation fine may be certified by the Building  
17 Commissioner, or his designated officer, and submitted to the [~~Collector of Revenue~~]  
18 **Office of the Comptroller** for issuance of a special tax bill, to be collected according to  
19 applicable law.

20 2. Any administrative citation fine that remains unpaid for more than one year may be  
21 added to the annual real estate tax bill and collected in the same manner and procedure  
22 for collecting real estate taxes. If the **certified** fines are not paid by the December thirty-

1 one of the year in which the costs and fines are included in the tax bill, the tax bill shall  
2 be considered delinquent, and the collection of the delinquent bill shall be governed by  
3 the laws governing delinquent and back taxes. The tax bill shall be deemed a personal  
4 debt against the owner from the date of issuance, and shall also be a lien on the property  
5 from the date the bill becomes delinquent until paid.

6 3. The amount of the unpaid administrative citation may be enforced in the same manner as  
7 a judgment entered by a court of competent jurisdiction. Upon being recorded in the  
8 manner required by state law or the Uniform Commercial Code, a lien may be imposed  
9 on the real or personal property of any defendant entering a plea of nolo contendere,  
10 pleading guilty to, or found guilty of a municipal code violation in the amount of any  
11 debt due the city under this section and enforced in the same manner as a judgment lien  
12 under a judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction.

13 4. Any other procedure authorized by State law to collect a debt due and owing against the  
14 City.

15 **SECTION TWO. Severability Clause.** The provisions of this ordinance are severable.  
16 In the event any provision of this ordinance is determined to be invalid, the remaining provisions  
17 shall not be affected thereby.

18 **SECTION THREE. Emergency Clause.** The passage of this ordinance being deemed  
19 necessary for immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is  
20 hereby declared to exist within the meaning of Section 20 of Article IV of the Charter, and this  
21 ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the  
22 Mayor.