## Substitute Ordinance No. BL2025-948

An ordinance to amend Section 2.40.115 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws <u>relative to notice of court hearings and fines for violations of the Metropolitan Code of Laws enforced by the Department of Law in the Environmental Court of Davidson County.</u> the settlement of violations of the property standards code in chapter 16.24 by the Department of Law.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. That Section 2.40.115 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws shall be amended by adding a new subsection as follows:

## C. Reports of environmental court cases:

- 1. The department of law shall provide a copy of the civil warrant docket of division IV of the metropolitan general sessions court ("environmental court") to the metropolitan council as soon as practicable upon its release. The docket shall include the name and address of each defendant and a description of all code violations, including the property address and date or dates of the code violations.
- 2. Within fifteen days of submission of any final environmental court orders, the department of law shall provide written notice to the metropolitan council of any fines in excess of fifty dollars issued to a defendant for violations of the Metropolitan Code of Laws. The notice shall include the name and address of the defendant, description and date or dates of the violations, and the amount of the fines.

## C. Property standards violation settlement:

- 1. The department of law shall provide written notice to a district council member seven days before a matter is scheduled in general sessions court involving a violation of the property standards code in chapter 16.24, if the alleged violation occurred in the council member's district and could lead to more than one thousand dollars in potential fines pursuant to section 1.01.030. The notice shall include the name and address of the defendant, and a description of the code violation including the property address and date or dates of the violation.
- 2. The department of law shall provide written notice to a district council member of any settlement of a violation of the property standards code in chapter 16.24 having occurred in the council member's district. Each notice shall be provided within 15 days after a settlement is finalized. The notice shall include the name and address of the defendant, description and date or dates of the violation, and the final settlement amount.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

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