

I, LINDA A. KELLEHER, City Clerk of the City of Reading, Pa., do hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original Ordinance passed by the Council of the City of Reading, on the 28 day of Jul A. D. 20 11. Witness my hand and seal of the said City this 28 day of Jul A. D. 20 11.

Linda A. Kelleher
CITY CLERK

BILL NO. 11-2011

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING THE QUALITY OF LIFE VIOLATION TICKET PROCESS BY
AMENDING CHAPTER 5 – CODE ENFORCEMENT OF
THE CITY OF READING CODIFIED ORDINANCES
PART 14 BY ADDING SECTIONS 112 COLLECTIONS AND 113 LIENS AND
RENUMBERING SECTIONS 112 AND 113 TO 114 AND 115 NONEXCLUSIVE
REMEDIES AND SEVERABILITY

THE CITY OF READING HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: Chapter 5 – Code Enforcement of the City of Reading Codified Ordinances Part 14 Quality of Life Ticket is hereby amended as follows:

§14-111 APPEAL – A person in receipt of a violation ticket may appeal to the Property Maintenance Division by filing a request in writing within fifteen (15) calendar days of date of the violation ticket.

In order for an appeal to be deemed valid and a hearing date/time to be set, the following must be performed by the alleged violator requesting the appeal within fifteen (15) calendar days

1. All paperwork, including the appropriate appeal form, for the appeal must be submitted and complete within fifteen (15) calendar days that the Quality of Life Ticket was issued.
2. Payment of the fine must be in full which will be refunded within thirty (30) calendar days should the alleged violator win their appeal.

The appeal hearing will be before the Manager/Administrator of the Property Maintenance Division or the Director of the Dept of Community Development or their designee. The Manager/Administrator of the Property Maintenance Division or the Director of the Dept of Community Development or their designee may uphold the appeal, deny the appeal, or may modify the violation ticket and/or any associated costs, fines or penalty amounts as s/he sees appropriate.

§14-112 COLLECTIONS – At the discretion of the City of Reading, all tickets for which payment is not received within forty-five (45) days of issuance of a ticket for which an appeal is not taken and forty-five (45) days from denial of appeal and monies paid by the City of Reading for abatement of a violation not paid within forty-five (45) days of billing, may be turned over by the City to a collections agency for receipt.

§14-113 LIENS – At the discretion of the City of Reading, liens may be placed upon a property against which tickets were issued for which payment is not received within forty-five (45) days of issuance of a ticket for which an appeal is not taken and forty-

five (45) days from denial of appeal and monies paid by the City of Reading for abatement of a violation and not paid within forty-five (45) days of billing.

§14-112 §14-114 NONEXCLUSIVE REMEDIES. The penalty, lien and collection provisions of this Section shall be independent, nonmutually exclusive separate remedies, all of which shall be available to the City of Reading as may be deemed appropriate for carrying out the purposes of this Part. The remedies and procedures provided in this Part for violation hereof are not intended to supplant or replace to any degree the remedies and procedures available to the City in the case of a violation of any other City of Reading Code or Codified Ordinances, whether or not such other code or ordinance is referenced in this Part and whether or not an ongoing violation of such other code or ordinance is cited as the underlying ground for a finding of a violation of this Part.

§14-113 §14-115 SEVERABILITY If any provision, paragraph, word, section or subsection of this Part is invalidated by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions, paragraphs, words, sections, or subsection shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 2. All relevant ordinances, regulations and policies of the City of Reading, Pennsylvania not amended per the attached shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3: If any section, subsection, sentence or clause of this ordinance is held, for any reason, to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Ordinance.

SECTION 4: This Ordinance shall become effective in ten (10) days, in accordance with Charter Section 219.

Enacted Feb 28, 2011

[Signature]
Council President

Attest:

[Signature]
City Clerk

Submitted to Mayor: [Signature]
Date: 3/1/11

Received by the Mayor's Office: [Signature]
Date: 3-1-11

Approved by Mayor: [Signature]
Date: 3/1/11

Vetoed by Mayor: _____
Date: _____