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10/29/2019	*	Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management	Amendment Proposed by Comm	
10/29/2019	*	Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management	Amended by Committee	
10/29/2019	Α	Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management	Approved by Committee	Pass
10/30/2019	Α	City Council	Approved by Council	Pass
10/30/2019	Α	City Council	Sent to Mayor by Council	
11/19/2019	Α	Mayor	Hearing Held by Mayor	
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Int. No. 1083-A

By Council Members Salamanca, Kallos, Lancman and Lander

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to fines for unreported employees

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 16-515 of the administrative code of New York, as amended by local law number 42 for the year 1996, is amended to read as follows:

§ 16-515. Penalties. In addition to any other penalty provided by law: a. Except as otherwise provided in [subdivision b or subdivision c of] this section, any person who violates any provision of this chapter or any of the rules promulgated thereto shall be liable for a civil penalty which shall not exceed ten thousand dollars for each such violation. Such civil penalty may be recovered in a civil action or may be returnable to the [department of consumer affairs] office of administrative trials and hearings or [other administrative tribunal of competent jurisdiction] otherwise consistent with orders of the mayor issued in accordance with section 1048 of the charter;

b. [(i)] Any person who violates subdivision a of section 16-505 or section 16-524 of this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished for each violation by a criminal fine of not more than ten thousand dollars for each day of such violation or by imprisonment not exceeding six months, or both; and any such person shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than five thousand dollars for each day of such violation to be recovered in a civil action or returnable to the [department of consumer affairs] office of administrative trials and hearings or [other administrative tribunal of competent jurisdiction] otherwise consistent with orders of the mayor issued in accordance with section 1048 of the charter; and

c. Any person who violates subdivision b of section 16-505 of this chapter or any rule pertaining thereto shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a civil penalty not to exceed one thousand dollars for each such violation to be recovered in a civil action or returnable to the [department of consumer affairs] office of administrative trials and hearings or [other administrative tribunal of competent jurisdiction] otherwise consistent with orders of the mayor issued in accordance with section 1048 of the charter.

d. The corporation counsel is authorized to commence a civil action on behalf of the city for injunctive

relief to restrain or enjoin any activity in violation of this chapter and for civil penalties.

- e. (i) In addition to any other penalty prescribed in this section for the violation of subdivisions a or b of section 16-505 or subdivision a of section 16-524 of this chapter, or when there have been three or more violations within a three year period of the provisions herein, the commission shall, after notice and the opportunity to be heard, be authorized: to order any person in violation of such provisions immediately to discontinue the operation of such activity at the premises from which such activity is operated; to order that any premises from which activity in violation of such provisions is operated shall be sealed, provided that such premises are used primarily for such activity; and to order that any vehicles or other devices or instrumentalities utilized in the violation of such provisions shall be removed, sealed, or otherwise made inoperable. An order pursuant to this paragraph shall be posted at the premises from which activity in violation of such provisions occurs.
- (ii) Ten days after the posting of an order issued pursuant to paragraph (i) of this subdivision, this order may be enforced by any person so authorized by section 16-517 of this chapter.
- (iii) Any vehicle or other device or instrumentality removed pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be stored in a garage, pound or other place of safety and the owner or other person lawfully entitled to the possession of such item may be charged with reasonable costs for removal and storage payable prior to the release of such item.
- (iv) A premise ordered sealed or a vehicle or other device or instrumentality removed pursuant to this section shall be unsealed or released upon payment of all outstanding fines and all reasonable costs for removal and storage and, where the underlying violation is for unlicensed or unregistered activity or unauthorized activity in a special trade waste district, demonstration that a license has been obtained or a business registered or proof satisfactory to the commission that such premise or item will not be used in violation of subdivision a or b of section 16-505 or subdivision a of section 16-524 of this chapter.
 - (v) It shall be a misdemeanor for any person to remove the seal from any premises or remove the seal

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from or make operable any vehicle or other device or instrumentality sealed or otherwise made inoperable in

accordance with an order of the commission.

(vi) A vehicle or other device or instrumentality removed pursuant to this section that is not reclaimed

within ninety days of such removal by the owner or other person lawfully entitled to reclaim such item shall be

subject to forfeiture upon notice and judicial determination in accordance with provisions of law. Upon

forfeiture, the commission shall, upon a public notice of at least five days, sell such item at public sale. The net

proceeds of such sale, after deduction of the lawful expenses incurred, shall be paid into the general fund of the

city.

f. Any person who violates item (ii) of subdivision a of section 16-508 shall be liable for a civil penalty

of not less than one thousand dollars and not more than ten thousand dollars for each such violation.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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