



## Ordinance 675

### AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TOWN'S FEES FOR ILLEGAL DUMPING

**Sponsored By:** Councilwoman Mary Steppi

**First and Second Reading:** August 8, 2024, Council Meeting

**Results:** Passed 7 In Favor, 0 Opposed

**Third and Final Reading:** September 12, 2024, Council Meeting

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**WHEREAS**, the Town of Elsmere has observed a significant increase in illegal dumping activities within its jurisdiction, which poses environmental, health, and safety risks to the community;

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council believe that fines and penalties must serve as a deterrent to non-compliance and not as a mere minor risk with taking;

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council have determined that the current fines and penalties for illegal dumping are insufficient to deter such activities and to cover the cost associated with cleanup and enforcement;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ELSMERE, AS FOLLOWS:**

Effective immediately, Chapter 127-4. Violations and penalties, shall be amended to read as follows:

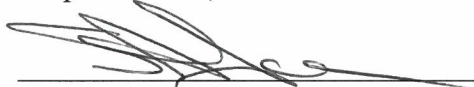
Any person who violates this chapter shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000 for the first offense and not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$2,000 for a second offense, plus any and all cost incurred by the Town of Elsmere should the offender fail to immediately remove any item placed in violation of this chapter.

First and Second Reading  
August 8, 2024



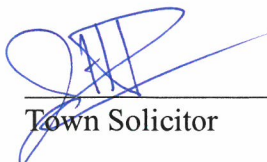
Eric Thompson, Mayor

Third and Final Reading  
September 12, 2024



Sally Jensen, Secretary

Approved as to form:

  
Town Solicitor

**SYNOPSIS**  
**ORDINANCE 675**

This Ordinance shall aim to better deter illegal dumping throughout the Town of Elsmere and to ensure that the costs of cleanup and enforcement are adequately covered.

**Fiscal Impact:**

This Ordinance is anticipated to have minimal fiscal impact. There could be an initial increase in revenue, however, with the ultimate goal of eliminating illegal dumping happenings, there could be minimal fiscal impact long term.