

**39. AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE STATE BUILDING CODE**

**(NOVEMBER 5, 1973)**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Groton, by law, is now operating under the provisions of the State Building Code, and;

**WHEREAS**, said Code has no penalty provision, but does read as follows:

**“122.3 Violation Penalties.** Each town, city and borough, is requested to prescribe by ordinance, that any person who shall violate a provision of the Basic Code or shall fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof or shall erect, construct, alter or repair a building or structure in violation of any approved plan or directive of the building official, or of a permit or certificate issued under the provisions of the Basic Code shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than \$500.00 or by imprisonment not exceeding one (1) year, or both such fine and imprisonment. Each day that a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.”

**“123.2 Unlawful Continuance.** Each town, city and borough, is requested to prescribe by ordinance, that any person who shall continue any work in or about the building after having been served with a stop order, except such work as he is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe conditions, shall be liable to a fine of not less than \$25.00 or more than \$500.00. Each day that a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.”

and

**WHEREAS**, the Building Official of the City of Groton has requested establishment of a policy to provide penalties up to a maximum of \$500.00 as necessary for proper enforcement of said Building Code;

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GROTON:**

**Section 1** – Any person who shall violate a provision of the State Building Code, or shall fail to comply with any of the requirements thereof, or shall erect, construct, alter or repair a building or structure in violation of any approved plan or directive of the building official, or of a permit or certificate issued under the provisions of the Code shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than \$500.00 or by imprisonment not exceeding one (1) year, or both such fine and imprisonment. Each day that a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

**Section 2** – Any person who shall continue any work in or about the building, after having been served with a stop order, except such work as he is directed to perform to remove a violation or unsafe conditions, shall be liable to a fine of not less than \$25.00 or more than \$500.00. Each day that a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

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