CHAPTER 14.1A

ENVIRONMENTAL COURT*

Section 14.1A-1. Establishment, Purpose and Jurisdiction of Environmental Court.

There is hereby established the Environmental Court which will be a division of the Municipal Court for the City of Laurel, Mississippi. The purpose of said Court is to provide an effective, efficient and timely process to ensure enforcement of and compliance with said laws and Ordinances.

Source: Ordinance No. 1287-1997, §1, 1-7-97; 1536-2009, 4/21/2009; 1561-2010, 6/22/10

Section 14.1A-2. Goals and Objectives.

GOALS: To promote the City of Laurel through enhancement of the quality of life in safety, beautification, and future economic development.

OBJECTIVE: To provide an efficient process that will enforce safety, environmental and other established laws in an expedient and efficient manner.

Source: Ordinance No. 1287-1997, §2, 1-7-97

Section 14.1A-3. Municipal Offense Ticket.

Notice of violations of the municipal laws and/or Ordinances, as now existing and as may be hereafter adopted or amended from time to time, may be given by the issuance of a Municipal Offense Ticket as set forth in other sections herein. The primary existing laws that this Court will enforce may include, but shall not be limited to, the following which are incorporated herein by reference.

ORDINANCES

<u>Number</u>	Adoption Date	Ordinance Name
693-1974	6/25/74	Transient Vendors
763-1976	11/16/76	Underground Utilities
800-1977	11/15/77	Garage, Carport, and
		Rummage Sales
836-1979	1/16/79	Defacing Cemeteries
914-1980	10/7/80	Drug Related Paraphernalia
918-1980	12/16/80	Dealers in Precious Metals,

^{*}Editor's Note – Ordinance No. 1287-1997, §§1—10, adopted January 7, 1997, did not specify the manner of codification, but was included herein as Chapter 14.1A, §§ 14.1A 1—14.1A 10, at the editor's discretion.

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1001 1001	2 /5 /0 4	Stones or Gems
1001-1984	2/7/84	Nonresident Vendors of
		Merchandise
1009-1984	5/1/84	Theft of Cable Television
		Service
1011-1984	5/15/84	Subdivision Regulations
1021-1984	6/19/84	Historic Preservation
		Ordinance
1056-1985	8/6/85	Zoning Ordinance (including
		Sign Regulations and all
		amendments)
1089-1987	1/20/87	Handicapped Parking Zones
(as ameno	led and superseded by MS Senate B	ill No. 2094 [July 1, 1993], Section
27-19-5	6, Mississippi Code of 1972 as amer	nded).
1097-1987	5/12/87	Amendments to Standard
		Housing Code
1099-1987	6/2/87	Floodplain Ordinance
1108-1987	12/8/87	Alcoholic Beverages on
		Public Areas
1109-1987	12/8/87	Address Display Required
1115-1988	4/5/88	Parking on Rights-of-Way
		and Medians
1131-1988	8/16/88	Oil and Gas Ordinance
1156-1989	10-3-89	Water Usage Ordinance
1157-1989	10/3/89	Sewer Rate Schedule
1177-1990	12/28/90	Sewer Use Ordinance
1185-1991	7/17/91	Stopping, Standing and
		Parking
1194-1992	7/7/92	Trash and Litter Ordinance
1203-1993	3/16/93	Beer Ordinance
1210-1993	6/22/93	Animal Control
1216/1993	8/3/93	Noise Ordinance
1228-1994	2/8/94	Engaging in Drug Related
	_, _, _,	Activities
1253-1995	1/17/95	Tree Ordinance
1268-1995	11/10/95	Various Standard and
1200 1336	11, 10, 70	National Codes (including
		Standard Building Code,
		Standard Existing Buildings,
		Standard Mechanical Code,
		Standard Plumbing Code,
		Standard Gas Code,
		Standard Fire Prevention,
		Standard Housing Code,
		Standard Unsafe Building
		Abatement with amendments,
		National Electrical Code)
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1281-1996	9/17/96	Curfew Ordinance
1282-1996	9/17/96	Amendments to Beer
		Ordinance
1283-1996	9/17/96	Standard Swimming Pool
		Code
1284-1996	10/8/96	Junk Vehicle/Equipment
		Ordinance
1288-1997	2/18/97	Amendment to Curfew
		Ordinance
1289-1997	2/18/97	Official Laurel Code of
		Ordinances
1290-1997	3/4/97	Amendments to Sewer Use
		Ordinance
1292-1997	3/18/97	Amendments to Zoning
		Ordinance (Special Use
		Districts, etc.)
1297-1997	7/24/97	School Zone-Speed Limits
1301-1997	9/2/97	Regulations of Commercial
		Use of Antennas & Towers
1302-1997	9/16/97	Amendments to Beer
		Ordinance
1307-1997	10/21/97	Amendments to Various
		Standard & National Codes
1309-1997	12/2/97	Amendments to Tree Ordinance
1311-1997	2/17/97	Amendments Regarding
		Mobile/Manufactured Homes
1312-1998	2/3/98	Residential Fences & Walls
1313-1998	5/19/98	Amendments to Junk
		Vehicle/Equipment Ordinance
1317-1998	6/16/98	Amendments to Commercial
		Use of Antennas & Towers
1319-1998	6/16/98	Facility Rental Properties
1323-1998	9/8/98	Regulating Residential &
		Commercial Alarms
1324-1998	9/8/98	Adult Entertainment
		Establishment Ordinance
1328-1998	12/22/98	Floodplain Damage
		Prevention Ordinance
1331-1999	1/5/99	Amend Bed & Breakfast
		Facilities; Add Tour of
		Historic Homes & Structures
1332-1999	2/16/99	Cross Connection Control
	7.14.10.0	Program (Back Flow Preventors)
1337-1999	5/4/99	Amendment to Water Usage
1011 1000	c/22/00	Ordinance
1341-1999	6/22/99	Laundry-Placement of

		Outdoon During
1245 1000	7/20/00	Outdoor Drying
1345-1999	7/20/99	Amendment to Facility
1246 1000	9/2/00	Rental Property Use & Possession of Tobacco
1346-1999	8/3/99	
1240 1000	0/17/00	Under 18 Years of Age
1348-1999	8/17/99	Regulations for Political Signs
1349-1999	9/7/99	Amendments to Trash &
1272 1000	10/10/00	Litter Ordinance
1353-1999	10/19/99	Amendments to Sign
		Regulations-Zoning
1071 1000	10/10/00	Ordinance
1354-1999	10/19/99	Amendments to Zoning
1077 1000	10/10/00	Ordinance/C-4
1355-1999	10/19/99	Adoption of Electrical Code
1356-1999	11/16/99	Landscaping Regulations
		added to Zoning Ordinance
1357-1999	11/16/99	Adoption of Fire Prevention
		Code
1358-1999	11/16/99	Amendments to Environ-
		mental Court Ordinance
1359-1999	12/21/99	Land clearing, Excavation,
		and Grading Regulations
1362-2000	2/22/00	Amendments to Alcoholic
		Beverages
1363-2000	3/07/00	Amendments Regulating
		Amusements in the City
1365-2000	3/21/00	Amendments pertaining to Junk
		equipment, vehicles, and/or derelict
		property
1366-2000	4/04/00	Regulating Stormwater Detention
1368-2000	5/02/00	Amending procedures for garbage
		Collection
1370-2000	6/20/00	Amendments to limited closing of
		certain streets-gated subdivisions
1372-2000	8/08/00	Amendments to Alcoholic Beverages
1373-2000	8/08/00	Amendments to curfew hours
1375-2000	10/17/00	Amendments to Cross Connection
		Control
1376-2000	11/07/00	Adopting various standard codes
1385-2001	3/20/01	Requirements for business estab-
		lishments for number of exists in
		buildings
1386-2001	4/03/01	Regulations for Horse-drawn carriage
		Tours
1393-2001	10/02/01	Adopting the International Codes
1394-2001	10/16/01	Amending the Garbage/Solid Waste

		Ordinance
1396-2001	11/20/01	Amendments to Historic Preservation
		Commission
1397-2002	1/08/02	Additional amendments to the Cross-
		Connection control Ordinance
1399-2002	2/19/02	Amendments to Stormwater Detention
		Ordinance
1400-2002	3/19/02	Adoption of Associated Codes and
		Standards
1401-2002	3/19/02	Adoption of National Electrical Code
1404-2002	6/04/02	Amendments to limited closing of
		certain residential streets
1408-2002	6/18/02	Amendments to the Standard Housing
		Code
1410-2002	7/16/02	Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance
		pertaining to Mobile/manufactured
		homes
1415-2002	9/03/02	Amending Chapter 25 of the Laurel
	27.027.02	Code pertaining to Water Rates
1416-2002	9/03/02	Amending Chapter 20 of the Laurel
1.10 2002	97 027 0 2	Code pertaining to Sewer Rates
1417-2002	9/03/02	Reducing the speed limit
1117 2002	910310 2	on Arco Lane
1421-2002	10/22/02	Amendments and re-adoption of certain
1121 2002	10,22,02	sections to Ord. No. 1414-2002 requiring
		mandatory flow of municipal solid waste
1422-2002	10/22/02	Amendments to the Sewer Rate Schedule
1122 2002	10/22/02	Ordinance 1423-2002 11/19/02
		Amendments to Chapter 22 of the Laurel
		Code pertaining to Solid Waste
1426-2003	2/18/03	Adoption of a burial procedure policy for
1420 2003	2/10/03	the Oak Hill No. 2 Memorial Cemetery
1428-2003	3/18/03	Reducing the speed limit
1420 2003	3/10/03	on Westhill Drive
1430-2003	5/20/03	Amendments to Zoning Ordinance
1430 2003	3/20/03	pertaining to Site Plan Review and
		placement of convenience stores and
		liquor/package stores within the City of
		Laurel
1431-2003	8/5/03	Amendments to Zoning Ordinance
1431-2003	0/3/03	pertaining to car washes, height
		regulations in C-2, mobile/manufactured
		units for commercial use, and
		parking facilities for commercial use
1431-2003	8/5/03	Amending Chapter 25 of Laurel Code of
1431-2003	0/3/03	Ordinances pertaining to Water rates
		Ordinances pertaining to water rates

1435-2004	3/2/04	Amendments to the Environmental Court
1436-2004	4/2/04	Ordinance (additions) Amendment increase to garbage collection fee
1440-2004	6/8/04	Amending Section 401 of Zoning Ordinance which defines permitted uses in General Agricultural District
1442-2004	7/20/04	Amending Chapter 12, Article II, pertaining to Transient Vendors
1443-2004	8/3/04	Amending Section 410 of Zoning Ordinance which defines permitted uses in I-2, Light Industrial District, for Adult Entertainment Establishments
1444-2004	8/17/04	Amending Ordinance 1345-1999 pertaining to Facility Rental Property for new rates
1446-2004	9/7/04	Amending Ordinance 1400-2002 by addition of further regulations for securing of unsafe buildings
1450-2004	11/2/04	Amending and/or adding certain sections of the Laurel Code of Ordinance pertaining to new ordinances and issuance of a municipal offense ticket
1451-2004	12/21/04	Establishment of the Tri-Park Overlay District and other standards for this district
1454-2004	12/21/04	Amending certain sections of the General Sign Regulations of the Zoning Ordinance, Section 602
1455-2004	1/4/05	Adopting various International and Associated Codes (2003 Edition)
1458-2005	5/3/05	Amending and/or clarifying Ordinance No. 1446-2004 by adding certain sections for securing vacant and/or unsafe structures
1459-2005	6/21/05	Amending Section 602 of the General Sign Regulations of the Zoning Ordinance #1056-1985, with amend - ments, which define and regulate the use of signs within C-4, Central Business District
1460-2005 6/29	/05	Ordinance implementing 2003 International Property Maintenance Code as a model and checklist to regulate all rental dwelling units

1465-2005 12/20/05	in certain zones and to provide enforcement guidelines and penalties 1461-2005 7/5/05 Ordinance establishing a program for assessing water/sewer charges for apartment complexes, multi-family units and mobile home parks/sub-divisions based on occupancy Ordinance establishing certain criteria in regard to permits issued for demolition under 2003 International Building Code, 2003 International Residential Code, and the Standard Unsafe Building Abatement Code, 1985 Edition
1468-2006 4/18/06	Ordinance adopting the National Electrical Code, 2005 Edition
1473-2006 9/5/06	Amending and clarifying requirements for address display on any dwellings and/or structures in the city limit
1474-2006 9/5/06	Amending the Zoning Ordinance to change and/or clarify certain sections of the ordinance pertaining to codes, regulations, authority & enforcement
1482-2006 10/3/06	Amending and/or adding certain sections to the Environmental Court Ordinance and to be enforced with the issuance of a municipal offense ticket
1485-2007 1/16/07	Implementing a "Substance Abuse Assistance Program (EAP) to the City's existing Personnel Rules & Regulations", Section 9.1.(C), pertaining to a "drug-free workplace"
1486-2007 2/20/07	Amending the Laurel Code of Ordinances pertaining to abandoned personal property and storage of junk vehicles, equipment and machinery, etc.
1491-2007 4/17/07	Amending Chapter 9.1, "Flood Hazard Areas", pertaining to Authorization, Administration, and Provisions for flood hazard reduction within the city limits of Laurel, MS
1492-2007 4/27/07	An ordinance prohibiting the defacing of city property with markings and/or drawings as an offense in the Laurel Code of Ordinances, Chapter 15
1497-2007 8/7/07	Amending certain sections of Chapter 25, "Water", pertaining to water use,

1503-2007 10/16/07	water connections, and water rates "Abolish" Ordinance No. 1460-2005 that implemented the 2003 International Property as a model and checklist to regulate
1504-2007 11/6/07	all rental dwelling units in certain zones Amending certain sections of Chapter 25, "Water" pertaining to water use, water connections, and water rates
1507-2007 12/18/07	Amending Ordinance No. 1455-2005 by addition of further regulations for method of service in regard to notices of noncompliance and/or code violation
1509-2007 2/5/08	Amending certain sections of Chapter 25, "Water", pertaining to apartments, multifamily units, and mobile home parks/subdivision, etc.
1510-2008 2/5/08	To regulate wastewater hauling within the city limits
1511-2008 4/22/08	Increasing the trash trailer pickup
1512-2008 5/6/08	rental fee within the city limits To address the need for business customers to be exempt from garbage fees as that customer provides proof of exemption
1513-2008 5/20/08	To reduce speed limit on 18 th Street between 7 th and 5 th Avenue
1514-2008 7/8/08	Amending certain sections of Chapter 20.1, "Wastewater Hauling"
1517-2008 8/19/08	Amending Sec. 25-53 of Chapter 25, "Water", pertaining to commercial & industrial users outside the city limits
1520-2008 9/2/08	Amending Chapter 22, "Solid Waste", Article IV. Garbage Collection Fee, Sec. 22- 45, pertaining to the increase of commercial dumpster rates
1523-2008 10/7/08	Amending certain section of the Laurel Code of Ordinances to establish permit and inspection fees, penalties and other regulations in regard to the National and International Codes
1524-2008 10/7/08	Amending Ordinance No. 1444-2004, Sec.V, Items A, B, and C of the Facility
1525-2008 11/4/08	Rental Property Eliminating smoking in public places and
1526-2008 11/26/08	places of employment Amending Ordinance 1497-2007 from

1528-2008 11/26/08	Chapter 25 "Water", pertaining to Article IV. "Rates and Charges", Sec. 25-52: Policy and Sec. 25-53: Water Rate Amending Ordinance No. 675-1973 and Ordinance No. 1422-2002 from Chapter 20, "Sewers" pertaining to Article I. "Sewer Connections", Sec. 20-9: Tap Fees and Sec.
1530-2008 11/26/08	20-11: Sewer Rate Schedule Requiring mandatory flow of municipal solid waste, establishing penalties for violation thereof, and establishing an
1536-2009 4/21/09	effective date Amending Ordinance No. 1287-1997, #1387-1999, #1419-2002, 1435-2004, #1482-2006, and # 1500-2007 which implemented an environmental court within the municipal court for the City of Laurel and which will allow certain ordinances and sections of the Laurel Code of Ordinances to be enforced by said court
1537-2009 4/21/09	after issuance of a municipal offense ticket Ordinance amending No. 1523-2008, and certain sections of the Laurel Code of Ordinances pertaining to permit fees in regard to the National and International Codes adopted
1538-2009 4/21/09	Ordinance amending Chapter 22, "Solid Waste" of the Laurel Code of Ordinances pertaining to garbage containers and garbage removal within the city limits of Laurel, M
1541-2009 9/8/09	Ordinance amending Chapter 20, "Sewer" pertaining to Section 20-11; Sewer Rate Schedule
1542-2009 9/8/09	Ordinance amending Chapter 25, "Water," pertaining to Section 25-53: Water Rate Schedule
1543-2009 9/8/09	Ordinance adding certain sections to Chapter 25, "Water," establishing rules and regulations for groundwater use (private water wells)
1545-2009 10/6/09	Deleting a paragraph from Section 22-45 of Chapter 22, "Solid Waste," in the Laurel Code of Ordinances pertaining to commercial dumpster pickup and rates
1546-2009 10/6/09	Amending Ordinance No. 1203-1993, Chapter 3, Article III, of the municipal code, regarding special
1548-2009 11/17/09	permits for alcoholic beverages Ordinance amending and correcting Section 22-45 from Ordinance No. 1545-2009 pertaining to garbage collection fees outlined in Chapter 22, "Solid Waste,"

1549-2009 12/8/09	Article IV., Garbage Collection fee An ordinance amending Chapter 4, "Amusements," of the Laurel Code of Ordinances in order to provide
	regulations for the conducting of public events and for the interaction of various city functions and/or services in connection with said public events
1550-2009 12/8/09	An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1451-2004 which established the Tri-Park Overlay District and will amend Section 506.03.12 pertaining to parking regulations of advertised commercial vehicles on
1551-2009 12/22/09	city streets An ordinance amending Ordinance N. 1056-1985 which defines and regulates the use of signs within the City of Laurel in order to establish criteria for signs in gateways
1552-2010 2/16/10	corridors of the City of Laurel Amending certain sections in Chapter 9.1, "Flood Hazard Areas," set forth by the National Flood Insurance Program for the City of Laurel, MS
1553-2010 3/16/10	Amending Chapter 7, "Buildings and Building Regulations," in order to establish licensing requirements for persons engaged in construction related project within the city and to further define and clarify requirements for obtaining a permit to perform such work within the city
1554-2010 4/20/10	An ordinance amending sections of the City of Laurel Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance which regulate the obtaining of building permits in the City of Laurel and which defines the appeal process for the Planning Commission
1555-2010 5/4/10	An ordinance amending certain sections of Chapter 5, "Animal Control," of the Laurel Code of Ordinances and specifically sections of Ordinance No. 1210-1993, which define and address certain important issues pertaining to animal control, care and keeping of animals and animals running at large, and of specific breeds of
1556-2010 5/4/10	dogs within the city limits of Laurel, Mississippi An ordinance amending Chapter 15.2, "Eliminating Smoking in Public Places and Places of Employment," pertaining to Section 15-2.8, "Reasonable Distance"
1557-2010 5/4/10	An ordinance providing certain sections in Chapter 15, "Offenses," Article I, In General, of the Laurel Code of Ordinances pertaining to Loitering on Public and Private Property
1558-2010 5/4/10	An ordinance amending prior Ordinances #675-1973, #1416-2002, #1422-2002, #1528-2008, & #1541-2009 of Chapter 20, "Sewers," of

	the Laurel Code of Ordinances pertaining to Article I, "Sewer Connections," Section 20-11: Sewer Rate Schedule for Commercial Customers
1559-2010 5/4/10	An ordinance of the City of Laurel, Mississippi adopting various International and Associated Codes
1560-2010 11/16/10	An ordinance reducing speed limit to 15 mph on W. 18 th St. from 5 th to 7 th Avenue
1561-2010 6/22/10	Amending prior ordinances and Section 3 of Chapter 14.1A, Environmental Court of the Laurel Code of Ordinances
1564-2020 7/6/10	Amending ordinances to replace Section 9.1-8 & Section 9.1-8(a) in Chapter 9.1 "Flood Hazard Areas"
1565-2010 7/20/10	Amending the Zoning Ordinance No. 1056-1985 to define and regulate the placement of digital/LED signs
1566-2010 8/17/10	Amending ordinances to replace Section 9.1-8 & 9.1-8(a) in Chapter 9.1 "Flood Hazard Areas" [additional corrections to Ordinance #1564-2010]
1567-2010 8/17/10	Amending Chapter 25, "Water," Article IV, Rates & Charges, Section 25-52: Policy, pertaining to taxation of water services
1568-2010 9/21/10	Amending prior ordinances from Chapter 20, "Sewers," pertaining to Article I, Section 20-11: Sewer Rate Schedule
1569-2010 9/21/10	Amending prior ordinances from Chapter 25, "Water," pertaining to Article IV, Section 25-53: Water Rates
1570-2010 11/16/10	Amending Ordinance No. 1513-2008 to reduce the speed limit on W. 18 th Street and to amend Chapter 13, "Motor Vehicles and Traffic," Section 13-1 "Definitions," and Section 13-38, "Reduced Speed Limit Areas Noted"
1574-2010 2/22/11	Amending Chapter 13, "Motor Vehicles and Traffic," Section 13-65, pertaining to servicing of vehicles in the city limits
1705-2021 3/16/21	Adopting Various International and Associated Codes (2018 Edition)

Source: Ordinance No. 1287-1997, §3, 1-7-97; Ordinance No. 1358-1999, (1), 11-16-99; Ordinance No. 1419-2002, 10-8-02; Ordinance No. 1435-2004, 3-2-04; Ordinance No. 1450-2004, 11-2-04; Ordinance No. 1482-2006, 10-3-06; Ordinance No. 1500-2007, 9-18-07; Ordinance No. 1536-2009, 4-21-09; Ordinance No. 1561-2010, 6/22/10; Ordinance No. 1570-2010, 11/16/10; Ordinance No. 1575-2011, 4/19/11

Section 14.1A-4. Adoption and Implementation of the Environmental Complaint Process.

The City Administration, through the Environmental Enforcement Committee, shall adopt and shall implement such due process and notice Policies and Procedures necessary to

handle all environmental complaints and for the issuance of a Municipal Offense Ticket. A current copy of said Policies and Procedures, after adoption, shall be maintained in the City Clerk's Office for inspection, review and copying by any interested party during all regular office hours. Said Committee shall be composed of at least seven (7) members who shall at least be those persons filling the following positions: Chief Administrative Officer, Building Inspector and/or assigned designee of the Inspection Department, Chief of Police Department or Designee, Chief of Fire Department or Designee, Director of Public Works or Designee, Municipal Court Clerk, and two (2) Council persons appointed by Council President. Additional members may be appointed by the Mayor, if the Mayor so chooses. Said Policies and Procedures may be amended from time to time by said Committee without amending this Ordinance, the only requirement being that said Committee file the most current copy thereof (as amended) with the City Clerk's Office. The issuance of a Municipal Offense Ticket after following said Policies and Procedures shall be the complaint against the violator and shall also be the summons to appear in Environmental Court.

Source: Ordinance No. 1287-1997, §4, 1-7-97; Ordinance No. 1358-1999, (2), 11-16-99; Ordinance No. 1450-2004, (2) 11-2-2004; Ordinance No. 1482-2006, § 2, 10-3-06

Section 14.1A-5. Authorization of City Employees to Issue a Municipal Offense Ticket.

When any officer, inspector, investigator, auditor, or other employee of the City of Laurel, finds any violation or violations of any provision of any municipal law which he or she is authorized and required to enforce, said City employee may issue, on forms provided by the City, a City of Laurel Municipal Offense Ticket. A copy of said Ticket shall be served on the person accused of violating said municipal law, with the original to be filed with the Clerk of the Municipal Court. Service on the violator may be either on the person, or by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by any other manner authorized by law. Said Ticket shall also give notice of a hearing before the Environmental Court which shall be at least fourteen (14) days after the service of said Ticket.

Source: Ordinance No. 1287-1997, §5, 1-7-97

Section 14.1A-6. Penalty.

Any person found by the Court to be in violation of any of said Ordinances or laws and who has received a Municipal Offense Ticket for a violation of a municipal law or laws, or if any person receiving said Ticket fails to appear in said Court, or otherwise settle the matter prior to the date stated on the Municipal Offense Ticket, pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Any person found guilty of a violation of any of said laws shall be punished, in the discretion of the Court, either under the terms of said Ordinance/law or by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00, or by imprisonment in the City or County jail for a period not to exceed one (1) year, or by some community service as may be ordered by the Court, or by a combination of either a fine, imprisonment and/or community service, at the sole discretion of the Court, unless otherwise prohibited by State law. The Court may escalate the punishment of those found guilty of repeat or subsequent violations of the same law.

Section 14.1A-7. Non-Exclusive Remedy.

The charging and enforcement provisions provided herein for violation of any of said laws shall not be exclusive. Police officers, other city officials or private citizens may file a complaint or charge under any of said laws against any violator and prosecute the same in Municipal Court without first exhausting the administrative procedures and remedies provided for herein. However, a violator shall not be subject to double jeopardy for the same violation.

Source: Ordinance No. 1287-1997, §7, 1-7-97

Section 14.1A-8. Conflicting Code Sections and Ordinances.

Where there appears to be a conflict between the terms of this Ordinance and the other laws to be enforced hereunder, the Court shall have the discretion of applying the most appropriate remedy to the violation charged. The Environmental Enforcement Committee is charged with the responsibility of recommending amendments so as to avoid any conflicts among said laws.

Source: Ordinance No. 1287-1997, §8, 1-7-97

Section 14.1A-9. Severability.

If any article, section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by declaration of any Court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect the validity of remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance and each article, section, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that one or more articles, sections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

Source: Ordinance No. 1287-1997, §9, 1-7-97

Section 14.1A-10. Effect of Ordinance.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and publication as required by law. This Ordinance applies to property within the City limits and police jurisdiction of the City of Laurel and shall be in full force and effect herein.

Source: Ordinance No. 1287-1997, §10, 1-7-97