

**FACT SHEET****CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA**

<b><u>TITLE</u></b>	<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT</u></b>
An ordinance to amend Chapter 58, Article IV, Division 1 and Chapter 78, Article VIII, Division 1 of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, Code of Ordinances relative to litter and dumping, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.	November 9, 2021	<b><u>COUNCIL DISTRICT</u></b> City-wide <b><u>SPONSORS</u></b> Councilmembers James Green and Tabatha Taylor

**PURPOSE**

This ordinance amends the penalties in Sec. 58-118 and Sec. 78-322 of the Code of Ordinances.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

This ordinance increases the maximum penalty for littering in Chapter 58; the fine increases from \$1,000.00 to \$1,500.00, imprisonment from 10 days to 30 days, and community service from four to twelve eight-hour days. In addition, the maximum penalty for littering on vacant lots is increased to \$2,500 for a first offense and \$5,000.00 for a second or subsequent offense, imprisonment is increased to 60 days, and community service to twenty-four eight-hour days.

This ordinance also increases the maximum penalty for littering and dumping in Chapter 78; the fine increases from \$500.00 to \$1,500.00, imprisonment from 10 days to 30 days and community service from four to twelve eight-hour days.

<b><u>TIMETABLE</u></b>	<b><u>ATTACHMENTS</u></b>
Introduction: November 9, 2021 Final Passage: December 14, 2021	None

**SPECIAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS**

NA

<b><u>FINANCES</u></b>	<b><u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u></b>
NA	NA

**ALTERNATIVES**

(1) Adopt the ordinance as submitted, or (2) Amend the ordinance, or (3) Reject the ordinance.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Councilmembers James Green and Tabatha Taylor recommend that the City Council adopt this ordinance.

**FACT SHEET PREPARED BY:** Danielle A. Farr Ewing,  
Clerk of Council

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ OF 2021

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 58, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 1 AND CHAPTER 78, ARTICLE VIII, DIVISION 1 OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO LITTER AND DUMPING, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**BY COUNCILMEMBERS: JAMES GREEN AND  
TABATHA TAYLOR**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana in due, legal and regular session convened, that Chapter 58 – Nuisances, Article IV. Litter, Division 1. Generally, Sec. 58-118 of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 58-118. Penalty for violations of article.**

Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$1,500.00 or imprisonment for not more than thirty days, or both. In lieu of imprisonment, such person may be required to perform up to twelve eight-hour days picking up trash or refuse, or performing other court-approved community service activities. Except, any person convicted of violating Sec. 58-138 shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$2,500.00 for the first offense, a fine not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the second or any subsequent offense, or imprisonment for not more than sixty days, or both. In lieu of imprisonment, such person may be required to perform up to twenty-four eight-hour days picking up trash or refuse, or performing other court-approved community service activities. A separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that Chapter 78 – Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places, Article VIII. Cross Lake, Division 1. Generally, Sec. 78-322 of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 78-322. Littering or dumping prohibited; penalty.**

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(b) Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$1,500.00 or imprisonment for not more than thirty days, or both. In lieu of imprisonment, such person may be required to perform up to twelve eight-hour days picking up trash or refuse, or performing other court-approved community service activities.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that if any provision or item of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this Ordinance which can be given affect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that all Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that this Ordinance shall become effective in accordance with the provisions of Shreveport City Charter Section 4.23.

**THUS DONE AND ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana.

**APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**

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City Attorney's Office