



Memo

To: Fraser Board of Trustees
From: Glen Trainor, Chief of Police *Glen A Trainor*
Date: November 5, 2021
Re: **Ordinance Changing Maximum Fines and Penalties for Municipal Court**

Attached for your review and approval is an ordinance regarding the maximum fines and penalties allowed in the Fraser Winter Park Municipal Court.

BACKGROUND

Currently, Section 1-4-10 of the Fraser Town Code (also known as “General penalty for violation”) states that the maximum penalty for non specified misdemeanor offenses is up to a \$2,650 fine, and 364 days in jail.

SB 21-271, which has been nicknamed as the “Misdemeanor Reform” bill, was passed by the Colorado Legislature, and signed into law by Governor Polis this past spring. This 300 plus page legislation has made significant changes to the Colorado classification and penalty structure for misdemeanors.

As part of these changes, the maximum fine for any criminal municipal code violation shall not exceed \$1,000.

MATTER BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Ordinance #486 changes section 1-4-10 of the Fraser Town Code to comply with the requirements of SB 271. As such, staff recommends that the Fraser Board of Trustees approve this ordinance change.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.