
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to the authority of municipalities and parishes with respect to civil fines and adjudication procedures for blighted or abandoned property and violations of local ordinances.

Present law authorizes any municipality or parish to prescribe civil fines for blighted property, abandoned property, or violation of public health, housing, fire code, environmental, and historic district ordinances. Further authorizes any municipality or parish to establish an administrative adjudication hearing procedure for violations of such ordinances.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that the provisions of present law are intended to be a grant of supplemental authority to achieve the objectives, and to do so in the manner, provided in present law. Further provides that nothing in present law shall be construed as a limitation on any other power or authority a parish or municipality may have:

- (a) To adopt and enforce ordinances for the health, safety, and welfare of its people.
- (b) To establish and use administrative adjudication procedures for violations of public health, housing, fire code, environmental, building code, zoning, historic district, permitting, vegetation, and nuisance ordinance.
- (c) To enforce health, safety, and welfare laws and ordinances and seek to eliminate blighted property, unsafe structures and equipment, unlawful structures and structures unfit for human occupancy, housing violations, or public nuisances in any court of competent jurisdiction.

(Adds R.S. 13:2575(A)(3))