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## TITLE I ORGANIZATION AND STRUCTURE

### CHAPTER 1 PENALTY

1-1-1 General Penalty

1-1-2 Civil Penalty – County Infraction

1-1-1 GENERAL PENALTY. Any person violating any of the provisions or failing to comply with any of the mandatory requirements of the Ordinances of Sac County is guilty of a simple misdemeanor. Any person convicted of a misdemeanor under the Ordinances of Sac County shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 331.302(2))

1-1-2 CIVIL PENALTY - COUNTY INFRACTION.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 331.302(15))

#### 1. DEFINITIONS.

a. County Infraction. Except those provisions specifically provided under state law as a felony, an aggravated misdemeanor, or a serious misdemeanor or a simple misdemeanor under Chapters 687 through 747 of the Iowa Code, the doing of any act prohibited or declared to be unlawful, an offense or a misdemeanor by the Code of Ordinances of Sac County or any Ordinance or Code herein adopted by reference, or omission or failure to perform any act or duty required by the Code of Ordinances of Sac County, or any Ordinance or Code herein adopted by reference, is a "county infraction" and is punishable by civil penalty as provided herein.

b. Officer. The term "officer" shall mean any employee or official authorized to enforce the Code of Ordinances of Sac County.

c. Repeat offense. The term "repeat offense" shall mean a recurring violation of the same section of the Code of Ordinances.

#### 2. VIOLATIONS, PENALTIES, AND ALTERNATIVE RELIEF.

a. A county infraction is punishable by a civil penalty not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00). If the infraction is a repeat offense, the infraction is punishable by a civil penalty not to exceed seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) for each repeat offense. A county infraction is not punishable by imprisonment.

b. Each day that a violation occurs or is permitted to exist by the violator constitutes a separate offense.

c. Seeking a civil penalty as authorized in this chapter does not preclude the County from seeking alternative relief from the court in the same action.

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### 3. CIVIL CITATIONS.

a. Any officer authorized by the County to enforce the Code of Ordinances may issue a civil citation to a person who commits a county infraction.

b. The citation may be served by personal service or by certified mail, return receipt requested.

c. The original of the citation shall be sent to the Clerk of the district court.

d. The citation shall serve as notification that a civil offense has been committed and shall contain the following information:

- (1) The name and address of the defendant.
- (2) The name or description of the infraction attested to by the officer issuing the citation.
- (3) The location and time of the infraction.
- (4) The amount of civil penalty to be assessed or the alternative relief sought, or both.
- (5) The manner, location, and time in which the penalty may be paid.
- (6) The time and place of court appearance.
- (7) The penalty for failure to appear in court.