

CHAPTER 493

ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS BUREAU

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493.01 ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS BUREAUS; ESTABLISHMENT; SERVICE OF NOTICE OF VIOLATION. Subdivision 1. The council of any city, however organized, may by ordinance authorize the court or courts in that municipality to establish an ordinance violations bureau to assist the court in disposing of violations of ordinances relating to building construction, operation, or maintenance; fire and fire prevention; public health and sanitation; and zoning.

Subd. 2. The ordinance and court rule or rules establishing such a bureau shall contain the provisions and shall be adopted and amended in the manner provided in Minnesota Statutes, Sections 492.01 to 492.03, and acts amendatory thereof relating to traffic violations bureaus, except that for purposes of this chapter the references to traffic offenses or traffic violations in these sections shall mean violations of the ordinances enumerated in subdivision 1 of this section. The ordinance shall also confer upon the building inspector, the health officer, and such other qualified officers and employees as the ordinance may designate the power to serve a written or printed notice upon persons charged with violations or to post such notice at the place of violation; but such power shall be confined to violations of the ordinances enumerated in this chapter and such officers and employees shall not be authorized to arrest or otherwise take a violator into custody except when done by a peace officer upon a warrant of arrest duly issued.

[1961 c 251 s 1; 1973 c 123 art 5 s 7]

493.02 DISPOSAL OF VIOLATIONS. When an ordinance violations bureau has been established, violations of ordinances within the jurisdiction of the bureau shall be disposed of as provided in Minnesota Statutes, Section 492.04, and acts amendatory thereof relating to traffic violations bureaus. Compliance with the procedure specified in that section shall have the same effect as a judgment of conviction entered upon a plea of guilty in open court, and the violator shall be given a receipt which so states.

[1961 c 251 s 2]

493.03 RECORDS; FINES AND OTHER COLLECTIONS. An ordinance violations bureau established pursuant to this chapter shall keep a record of all cases of violation brought before it, including their final disposition, and also a record of all fines collected and the disposition thereof. Fines and other moneys collected by the bureau shall be disposed of in the same manner as if guilt had been determined in court. The bureau shall also perform such additional duties and keep such additional records as are prescribed by the court or in the ordinance authorizing establishment of the bureau.

[1961 c 251 s 3]

493.04 LIMITATION OR EFFECT. This chapter does not affect any ordinance violations bureau established by special law, nor does it limit the authority of any court under any other statutory or charter provision to provide for the disposition of violations in any other manner.

[1961 c 251 s 4]