

**THE HOME RULE CITY ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 279 of 1909**

**117.4/ Ordinance; designation as civil infraction or blight violation; civil fine; act or omission constituting crime.**

Sec. 4l. (1) Consistent with any of the following statutes and whether or not authorized by the city charter, the legislative body of a city may adopt an ordinance that designates a violation of the ordinance as a civil infraction and provides a civil fine for that violation:

- (a) The Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.1 to 257.923.
- (b) 1969 PA 235, MCL 257.941 to 257.943.
- (c) 1956 PA 62, MCL 257.951 to 257.955.

(2) Whether or not authorized by the city charter, the legislative body of a city may adopt an ordinance that designates a violation of the ordinance as a municipal civil infraction and provides a civil fine for that violation. An ordinance shall not designate a violation as a municipal civil infraction if that violation may be designated as a civil infraction under subsection (1). A statute may provide that a violation of a specific type of ordinance is a municipal civil infraction whether or not the ordinance designates the violation as a municipal civil infraction.

(3) An ordinance shall not make an act or omission a municipal civil infraction or a blight violation if that act or omission constitutes a crime under any of the following:

- (a) Article 7 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.7101 to 333.7545.
- (b) The Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.1 to 750.568.
- (c) The Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.1 to 257.923.
- (d) The Michigan liquor control code of 1998, 1998 PA 58, MCL 436.1101 to 436.2303.
- (e) Part 801 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.80101 to 324.80199.
- (f) The aeronautics code of the state of Michigan, 1945 PA 327, MCL 259.1 to 259.208.
- (g) Part 821 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.82101 to 324.82160.
- (h) Part 811 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.81101 to 324.81150.
- (i) Sections 351 to 365 of the railroad code of 1993, 1993 PA 354, MCL 462.351 to 462.365.
- (j) Any law of this state under which the act or omission is punishable by imprisonment for more than 90 days.

(4) Whether or not authorized by the city charter, the legislative body of a city may adopt an ordinance that designates a violation of the ordinance as a blight violation and provides a civil fine and other sanctions for that violation consistent with section 4q. An ordinance shall not designate a violation as a blight violation if that violation may be designated a civil infraction under subsection (1). An ordinance shall not designate a violation as both a municipal civil infraction and a blight violation.

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