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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes the city of New Orleans to impose a daily penalty for the violation of municipal building code ordinances and regulations.

Present law provides that the maximum penalty which may be imposed for the violation of any ordinance enacted by the governing authority of the city of New Orleans is a fine of \$500 for a first offense violation and \$1,000 for the second or any subsequent offense. Further provides that the maximum penalties do not apply to penalties for non-moving or parking violations or other traffic violations, including those captured by an automated traffic enforcement system.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally authorizes the city of New Orleans to impose a daily penalty for the violation of any municipal ordinance or permit that regulates the erection, construction, alteration, extension, repair, moving, removal, demolition, or occupancy of a building or structure. Further authorizes the city to impose a daily penalty on any person or entity who erects, constructs, alters, extends, repairs, moves, removes, demolishes, or occupies a building or structure prior to obtaining proper permits and certificates from the city.

Proposed law provides that the penalties pursuant to proposed law may exceed the limitations provided in present law, but the maximum penalty cannot exceed 45% of the total final development costs if the amount owed for penalties imposed for a single project exceeds \$5,000.

Effective July 1, 2021.

(Amends R.S. 33:1375)