

## Monetary Penalties Enforcement Information

A person issued with an infringement notice who does nothing about the infringement will be deemed to have been convicted of the offence and enforcement of the penalty can proceed. Unless the person issued with an infringement notice elects to have the matter heard in court, there will be no court hearing.

Unpaid infringement notices issued by Council are enforced by the Monetary Penalties Enforcement Service under the *Monetary Penalties Enforcement Act 2005*.

If you refuse to pay, MPES will issue an enforcement order (this will attract an additional fee) for each outstanding infringement notice or fine. If you still refuse to pay, MPES will publish your name, address and details of your monetary penalties on the internet. MPES will also initiate the following enforcement actions if you fail to pay as directed:

- Direct the suspension of your driver licence;
- Direct the suspension of any vehicles registered in your name;
- Seize and sell your property. This could include your vehicle(s). You will also be liable for the cost of removing, storing and selling the property so a small fine could cost you a lot of money;
- Order your employer or bank to deduct money from your salary or bank account; and
- Issue a warrant for your arrest where at anytime, anywhere, you will have to pay the overdue amount in full or be taken into custody.

Once imposed, enforcement sanctions will remain in force until the monetary penalty is withdrawn, paid in full or in accordance with a variation of payment conditions notice.

If you receive an infringement notice you must within 28 days of the date of issue of the infringement notice do one of the following:

- Pay the infringement notice in full;
- Apply in writing to the General Manager for the withdrawal of the infringement notice;
- Apply in writing to the General Manager to enter a payment arrangement; or
- If you wish to have the offence(s) to which this infringement notice relates determined by a court, you must lodge a written notice with the General Manager to elect a court hearing.

Forms for notice of election, application to withdraw or to enter into a payment arrangement are available at the Town Hall (see contact details below).

If, after 28 days, you have not lodged a notice of election for a court hearing and the infringement notice has not been withdrawn, you will be taken to be convicted of the offence(s) set out in the infringement notice and the monetary penalty may be enforced under the *Monetary Penalties Enforcement Act 2005*.

Please call the Monetary Penalties Enforcement Service direct on 1300 366 776 if you have any questions about the role or powers of the Service