

SECTION 2. Chapter 8-4 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by adding a new section 8-4-025, as follows:

8-4-025 Looting.

a) For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

"Emergency conditions" means that normal security of property is not present in an area of the City by virtue of a hurricane, fire, riot, mob, or any other natural or man-made crisis.

"Forcible entry" means: (1) tampering with, breaking, or otherwise compromising the structural or functional integrity of a door, window or other opening in a building or structure, or (2) entering a building or structure that has been so compromised.

b) No person shall, without authority of law or permission of the owner or lawful occupant, engage in forcible entry or remove property from a building or structure that has been subjected to forcible entry when emergency conditions are present. A violation of this subsection shall constitute the offense of looting. Each person engaged in looting shall be liable for a violation of this section regardless of how many other persons are engaged in looting.

(c) Any person who violates subsection (b) shall be fined not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$2,000, or imprisoned for a period of not more than six months, or both fined and imprisoned, for each offense.

d) Any vehicle used to enable or facilitate looting in violation of subsection (b) of this section shall be subject to seizure and impoundment pursuant to this section. The owner of record of such vehicle shall be liable to the city for an administrative penalty of \$2,000 in addition to fees for the towing and storage of the vehicle as provided in Section 9-92-080.

e) Whenever a police officer has probable cause to believe that a vehicle is subject to seizure and impoundment pursuant to this section, the police officer shall provide for the towing of the vehicle to a facility controlled by the City or its agents. Before or at the time the vehicle is towed, the police officer shall notify any person identifying himself as the owner of the vehicle at the time of the alleged violation or the person who is found to be in control of the vehicle at the time of the alleged violation, if there is such a person, of the fact of the seizure and of the vehicle owner's right to request a preliminary hearing to be conducted under Section 2-14-132 of this Code by serving such person with a copy of the vehicle impoundment seizure report.

f) Section 2-14-132 shall apply whenever a motor vehicle is seized and impounded pursuant to this section.

Matthew J. O'Shea Alderman, 19th Ward

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect 10 days after its passage and publication.¹

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