

Amendment A to CB 120995 Graffiti Restitution and Penalty Ordinance

Sponsor: Councilmember Rinck

Expand authority of court to convert monetary penalties into community restitution

Effect: This amendment would eliminate the requirement for a tagger to motion the court and prove financial hardship before the court may convert some or all of a monetary penalty to community restitution.

Amend Section 2, as amended, as follows:

Section 2. A new Section 10.07.055 is added to the Seattle Municipal Code as follows:

10.07.055 Civil actions against graffiti taggers

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D. Monetary penalties and restitution imposed pursuant to this Section 10.07.055 are payable immediately. ~~((On motion of the graffiti tagger supported by a showing of financial hardship, the))~~ A court may convert some or all of the monetary penalty to community restitution pursuant to the procedure established in RCW 7.80.130(2), provided that the community restitution is performed for the purposes of graffiti abatement. Any penalties, restitution, and other costs ordered pursuant to this Section 10.07.055 that go unpaid may be referred to a collection agency, or the City Attorney may pursue collection in any other manner allowed by law.