

TOWN OF COVENTRY
NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Town Council will be in session at the Town Hall, Council Chambers, 1670 Flat River Road, Coventry, Rhode Island on Monday, September 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. for considering the proposed Amendments to:

CHAPTER 97-2 Violations and penalties

WHEREAS The Town Council ("Council") is the governing body of Coventry and is authorized to promulgate and enforce Ordinances and enact Policies, to promote the peace, safety, and general welfare of the Town;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS: It is ordained by the Town of Coventry Council of the Town of Coventry to amend as follows:

§ 97-2 Violations and penalties.

[Amended 3-10-2008 by Ord. No. 01-08-267]

Notwithstanding any ordinances to the contrary, violations of this chapter, excepting those violations set forth in R.I.G.L. §4-13.1-1 et seq. for which the General Assembly has provided mandatory penalties, shall be punishable in accordance with Chapter 1, General Provisions, **§1-2**, of the Code of the Town of Coventry. Where the penalty is not provided for within this chapter the violation shall be punishable in accordance with **§1-2**, excepting those violations that would fall under §4-13-1 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island and those violations found in **§97-13** of this chapter.

Failure to Appear (Default Judgement)

Any person charged with any violation found in Chapter 97, Sections 97.1 to 97.35, Article I, Article II and Article III who is properly summonsed before the Coventry Municipal Court to answer a complaint of violation and fails to appear at the arraignment or the trial a default judgement may enter against the defendant pursuant to the following:

If the truth and validity of the allegations on the summons have been sworn to by the officer issuing the same, or if testimony is given providing proof of facts supporting the validity of the summons, and the service of the notice has been established, a default judgement of guilty may enter against the defendant and the Judge may in his/her discretion determine and assess the fine and costs or impose any order the Judge determines to be appropriate under the law.

In the event the defendant fails to pay the fine and costs imposed by the Court within sixty days of the imposition of said fine and costs, the Town Solicitor or his designee shall cause a lien to be placed upon any real property owned by the defendant within the Town of Coventry in the amount of the fine, costs and any additional reasonable costs incurred by the Town of Coventry in the execution of the lien.

The Court shall forward a copy of the Court Order to the defendant by regular mail within ten (10) days of the Court decision.

If approved, this Ordinance will take effect upon passage.

Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Town Clerk's Office at 822-9173 seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the hearing date.

Per Order of the Town Council

Joanne P. Amitrano, Town Clerk