

by the recipient of the citation to the Commission within 20 calendar days of the receipt of the citation. Repeat offenders may be assessed a pre-set fine not to exceed [\$30] \$60 for each repeat offense.

(4) A person receiving the citation for a Commission infraction may elect to stand trial for the offense by notifying the Commission of his intention of standing trial. The notice shall be given at least 5 days prior to the date of payment as set forth in the citation. Upon receipt of the notice of the intention to stand trial, the Commission shall forward to the District Court having venue a copy of the citation and the notice from the person who received the citation indicating his intention to stand trial. Upon receipt of the citation, the District Court shall schedule the case for trial and notify the defendant of the trial date. All fines, penalties, or forfeitures collected by the District Court for violations of Commission infractions shall be remitted to the Commission.

(5) If a person receiving a citation for an infraction fails to pay the fine for the infraction by the date of payment set forth on the citation and fails to file a notice of his intention to stand trial for the offense, a formal notice of the infraction shall be sent to the owner's last known address. If the citation has not been satisfied within 15 days from the date of the notice, he shall be liable for an additional fine not to exceed twice the original fine. If after 35 days the citation has not been satisfied, the Commission may request adjudication of the case through the District Court. The District Court shall thereupon promptly schedule the case for trial and summons the defendant to appear. The defendant's failure to respond to the summons is contempt of court.

(6) If any person is found by the District Court to have committed a Commission infraction, he shall be required to pay a fine in an amount not to exceed [\$15] \$30 or in the event that the infraction is a repeat offense, [\$30] \$60.

(7) Adjudication of a Commission infraction, as defined in this article, is not a criminal conviction for any purpose, nor does it impose any of the civil disabilities ordinarily imposed by a criminal conviction.

(8) In any proceeding for a Commission infraction before the District Court, the violation shall be prosecuted in the same manner and to the same extent as set forth for municipal infractions in Article 23A, § 3(b)(8) through (15), inclusive.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1987.

Approved April 29, 1987.