

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 5136

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Greg Schwartz and Cynthia Stone Creem*

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act increasing the maximum amount of penalties which may be imposed for violations of ordinances in the city of Newton.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Greg Schwartz</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/18/2026</i>
<i>Cynthia Stone Creem</i>	<i>Norfolk and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/18/2026</i>

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By Representative Schwartz of Newton and Senator Creem, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5136) of Greg Schwartz and Cynthia Stone Creem (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to increasing the maximum amount of penalties for violations of ordinances in the city of Newton. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)  
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An Act increasing the maximum amount of penalties which may be imposed for violations of ordinances in the city of Newton.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           Section 1. (a) For any ordinances enacted by the city of Newton, which are not  
2 inconsistent with the laws of the Commonwealth, the city of Newton may affix penalties for the  
3 breach thereof not exceeding two thousand (\$2,000) dollars.

4           (b) The maximum penalty set forth herein shall be adjusted for inflation, rounded to the  
5 nearest one hundred (\$100) dollars, on January 1, 2026, and on January 1 every five (5) years  
6 thereafter, based on the annual percentage change in the United States Department of Labor,  
7 Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the  
8 Boston-Cambridge-Newton, Mass.-N.H. Core Based Statistical Area, all items or its successor  
9 index.

10          Section 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.