

SECTION 73. ADDITIONAL DISTRICT REMEDIES

Each day during which a violation commences or continues shall constitute a separate violation which may be so prosecuted. In addition to, or on lieu of any damages, fines or other remedies provided in any other section of this Code, at the District's sole and absolute discretion, the District may enforce any other remedies available to it in law or equity.

73.01 OTHER REMEDIES OF DISTRICT

A. Collection of Unpaid Bills on Tax Roll. Pursuant to the provisions of the Health and Safety Code, commencing with Section 5470, the District may cause delinquent charges for services to be collected on the tax roll in the same manner as its general taxes.

B. Costs of Suit. Any person who violates any provision of this Code of Ordinance shall be liable for costs of any civil suit required to enforce the District's rights, including but not limited to reasonable attorney's fees in accordance with Civil Code Section 1882.2. The provisions of Civil Code Section 1882 *et seq.* are incorporated herein by reference. This Article shall be interpreted so as to be consistent with Civil Code Sections 1882 *et seq.*

C. Reward. In accordance with Government Code Section 53069.5, the District may offer and pay a reward, in an amount determined by the District, for information leading to the determination of the identity of, and the apprehension of, any person whose willful misconduct results in injury or death to any person or who willfully damages or destroys any property of the District or any property of any other local agency or state or federal agency located within the boundaries of the District. The person who has willfully damaged or destroyed such property shall be liable for the amount of any reward paid pursuant to this section.

D. Parental liability for Acts of Minors. If a violation is due to the acts of a minor child, the minor and his or her parents or guardians, as applicable, shall be jointly and severally liable to the maximum extent allowed by law, including parental liability pursuant to Section 1714.1 of the California Code of Civil Procedure, as hereafter amended or renumbered.

E. Backflow testing; Prosecution. A person is guilty of a misdemeanor in connection with the violation of any provision of the California Code of Regulations concerning backflow testing, including non-compliance with any order to test, knowingly filing a false statement or report concerning any information required by the District or failure to use a person qualified to conduct the testing. Such misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of up to \$500 or by imprisonment not exceeding 30 days. Each day of a violation is a separate offense.

F. Sewer Service Violation; Prosecution. Pursuant to Section 71689.27 of the Water Code of the State of California, upon conviction of a violation of any ordinance or provision of this Code concerning the sewer system the person shall be punished by being imprisoned in the county jail.

G. Theft of Utility Services, Water or Waterworks; Prosecution. Pursuant to Sections 498, 624 and 625 of the Penal Code of the State of California, theft of District facilities or theft of water or other utility services, including theft through unauthorized connections, may be prosecuted as a crime.

H. Prosecution of Code Violations. The District may, at its option, prosecute or cause to be prosecuted any violation of this Code of Ordinance or any other Ordinance of the District as a misdemeanor, pursuant to Section 71600 of the California Water Code.

I. Receipt or Purchase of Stolen Property; Prosecution. Pursuant to Section 496a of the Penal Code of the State of California, purchase or receipt of stolen property belonging to the water system, may be prosecuted as a crime.

J. Junk Dealers and Recyclers; Remedies. To the extent provided by law, including the provisions of AB844, approved by the Governor and chaptered in September of 2008, the District will pursue remedies available through or against any junk dealer or recycler that purchases any District property without prior written authorization from District.

73.02 NOTICE TO DISTRICT CONCERNING VIOLATIONS

Any person noticing or discovering an unauthorized connection to the District's sewer, water or recycled water system from a parcel owned or occupied by such person must notify the District immediately. If the unauthorized connection affects a parcel owned by the person, he or she must remove the unauthorized connection immediately and must notify the District. If the person rents or leases the affected parcel, the person shall provide the District the name and contact information of the owner of the parcel.

73.03 SEVERABILITY

If any portion of any chapter, section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Article is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, independent and severable provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.