FILE NO. 250983 ORDINANCE NO. 254-25

[Police Code - Vehicle Sideshows]

Ordinance amending the Police Code to increase the fine for misdemeanor convictions for sideshow offenses from a maximum of $500 to a maximum of $1,000.

NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncodified text** are in plain Arial font.
Additions to Codes are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.
Deletions to Codes are in ~~*strikethrough italics Times New Roman font*~~.
Board amendment additions are in double-underlined Arial font.
Board amendment deletions are in ~~strikethrough Arial font~~.
Asterisks (* * * *) indicate the omission of unchanged Code subsections or parts of tables.

Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. General Findings.

Under California law, a standard monetary penalty for misdemeanor offenses is $1,000. The state law addressing sideshows and street takeovers, California Vehicle Code Section 23109, sets the maximum fine at $1,000. Many other California cities and counties, including Oakland, Fresno, Santa Rosa, and Sonoma County, have set the fine for a violation of their local sideshow ordinance at an amount not to exceed $1,000. It is in the public interest that San Francisco align the maximum monetary penalty for violations of its local sideshow ordinance with state law and Bay Area municipalities to reflect the seriousness of these offenses.

Section 2. Article 56 of the Police Code is hereby amended by revising Section 5608 as follows:

SEC. 5608. PENALTY.

Any person who violates Sections 5603, 5604, 5605, or 5607 is guilty of a

misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed $~~500~~*1,000*, or by imprisonment for a period of not to exceed six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 3. Scope of Ordinance. In enacting this ordinance, the Board of Supervisors intends to amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles, numbers, punctuation marks, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent parts of the Municipal Code that are explicitly shown in this ordinance as additions, deletions, Board amendment additions, and Board amendment deletions in accordance with the "Note" that appears under the official title of the ordinance.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DAVID CHIU, City Attorney

By: */s/ Jen Huber*
JEN HUBER
Deputy City Attorney

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November 13, 2025 Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee - RECOMMENDED

December 02, 2025 Board of Supervisors - PASSED, ON FIRST READING

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill, Walton and Wong

December 09, 2025 Board of Supervisors - FINALLY PASSED

Ayes: 10 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill and Walton
Excused: 1 - Wong

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was FINALLY PASSED on 12/9/2025 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Daniel Lurie
Mayor

12/17/25

Date Approved