

TITLE 1  
CHAPTER 4  
**GENERAL PENALTY**

SECTION:

- 1-4-1: Sentencing
- 1-4-2: Offenses Designated; Classified

**1-4-1: SENTENCING**

- A. Penalty for Violation of Ordinance:
  - 1. Criminal: The city council may impose a minimum criminal penalty for the violation of any municipal ordinance by a fine not to exceed the maximum class B misdemeanor fine under Utah Code Annotated section 76-3-301 or by a term of imprisonment up to six (6) months, or by both the fine and term of imprisonment.
  - 2. Civil:
    - a. Except as provided in subsection A2b of this section, the city council may prescribe a minimum civil penalty for the violation of any municipal ordinance by a fine not to exceed the maximum class B misdemeanor fine under Utah Code Annotated section 76-3-301.
    - b. A municipality may not impose a civil penalty and adjudication for the violation of a municipal moving traffic ordinance. (Utah State Code Annotated; amd. 2005 Code)
- B. Term of Imprisonment for Misdemeanors: A person who has been convicted of a misdemeanor may be sentenced to imprisonment as follows:
  - 1. In the case of a class B misdemeanor, for a term not exceeding six (6) months;
  - 2. In the case of a class C misdemeanor, for a term not exceeding ninety (90) days. (Utah State Code Annotated; amd. 2005 Code)
- C. Infractions:
  - 1. A person convicted of an infraction may not be imprisoned but may be subject to a fine, forfeiture and disqualification, or any combination.

2. Whenever a person is convicted of an infraction and no punishment is specified, the person may be fined as for a class C misdemeanor. (Utah State Code Annotated; amd. 2005 Code)
- D. Fines of Persons: A person convicted of an offense may, in addition to any term of imprisonment imposed, be sentenced to pay a fine not to exceed:
1. Class B Misdemeanor: One thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) when the conviction is of a class B misdemeanor conviction; and
  2. Class C Misdemeanor; Infraction: Seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) when the conviction is of a class C misdemeanor conviction or infraction conviction. (Utah State Code Annotated; amd. 2005 Code)
- E. Fines of Corporations: The sentence to pay a fine, when imposed upon a corporation, association, partnership or governmental instrumentality for an offense defined in this code, or the ordinances of the city, or for an offense defined outside of this code over which this city has jurisdiction, for which no special corporate fine is specified, shall be to pay an amount fixed by the court, not exceeding:
1. Class B Misdemeanor: Five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) when the conviction is for a class B misdemeanor conviction; and
  2. Class C Misdemeanor; Infraction: One thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) when the conviction is for a class C misdemeanor conviction or for an infraction conviction. (Utah State Code Annotated; amd. 2005 Code)

**1-4-2: OFFENSES DESIGNATED; CLASSIFIED**

- A. Sentencing in Accordance with Chapter:
1. A person adjudged guilty of an offense under this code or the ordinances of this city shall be sentenced in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.
  2. Ordinances enacted after the effective date of this code which involve an offense should be classified for sentencing purposes in accordance with this chapter, unless otherwise expressly provided. (Utah State Code Annotated)
- B. Designation of Offenses: Offenses are designated as misdemeanors or infractions. (Utah State Code Annotated)
- C. Misdemeanors Classified:
1. Misdemeanors are classified into two (2) categories:

- a. Class B misdemeanors;
  - b. Class C misdemeanors.
2. An offense designated as a misdemeanor or any act prohibited or declared to be unlawful in this code or any ordinance of this city when no other specification as to punishment or category is made, is a class B misdemeanor. (Utah State Code Annotated)
- D. Infractions:
1. Infractions are not classified.
  2. Any offense which is made an infraction in this code or other ordinances of this city, or which is expressly designated an infraction and any offense designated by this code or other ordinances of this city which is not designated as a misdemeanor and for which no penalty is specified is an infraction. (Utah State Code Annotated)
- E. Continuing Violation: In all instances where the violation of this code or any ordinance hereinafter enacted is a continuing violation, a separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which the violation occurs or continues to occur. (Utah State Code Annotated)