



CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS ZAC UNGER, CHARLENE WANG, AND
ROWENA BROWN**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL SB 1218 (ARREGUÍN) TO
AMEND THE CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE TO REQUIRE PAYMENT
OR RESOLUTION OF ILLEGAL DUMPING FINES BEFORE VEHICLE
REGISTRATION CAN BE COMPLETED**

WHEREAS, illegal dumping is a serious violation that damages our community, our economy, and our public health; and

WHEREAS, abandoned waste attracts additional dumping, creates fire hazards, blocks sidewalks, harms local businesses, and disproportionately impacts low income and communities of color; and

WHEREAS, Oakland sees roughly 25,000 request for service related to illegal dumping per year¹; and

WHEREAS, Oakland has seen the number of requests for service for illegal dumping rise in each of the last three years; and

WHEREAS, Oakland has issued nearly 3,000 illegal dumping citations between 2021 and 2024 but has collected only roughly 11% of the fines issued²; and

WHEREAS, without predictable consequences for illegal dumping, individuals will likely continue to dump waste and debris; and

WHEREAS, Senator Jessie Arreguín has introduced Senate Bill (SB) 1218 to address the issue of illegal dumping; and

WHEREAS, SB 1218 would require payment or resolution of illegal dumping fines before California Department of Motor Vehicles registration can be completed; and

¹ <https://www.sfchronicle.com/eastbay/article/trash-garbage-dumping-oakland-21022346.php>

² <https://oaklandside.org/2026/03/02/oakland-illegal-dumpers-fines-barbara-lee/>

WHEREAS, the administrative framework for this enforcement mechanism would follow the same model that already exists for parking tickets; and

RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland endorses SB 1218 and urges the California State Legislature and Governor Gavin Newsom to support its enactment into law.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROWN, FIFE, GALLO, HOUSTON, RAMACHANDRAN, UNGER, WANG, AND
PRESIDENT JENKINS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____
ASHA REED
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California

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