



Administrative Decision No. (220) of 2024
On the Schedule of Violations, Fines and Administrative Penalties
Related to Law No. (2) of 2012 Concerning the Preservation of the General
Appearance, Health and Public Serenity in the Emirate Abu Dhabi
(Violations of the Regulations for General Appearance and Public Serenity)

Chairman of the Department of Municipalities and Transport,

Having reviewed:

- Law No. (1) of 1974 concerning the reorganization of the Governmental Body in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, and its amendments,
- Law No. (2) of 2012 Concerning the Preservation of General Appearance, Health and Public Serenity in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, and its amendments,
- Law No. (1) of 2017 Concerning the Financial System of Abu Dhabi Government, and its amendments,
- Law No. (30) of 2019 concerning the Establishment of the Department of Municipalities and Transport,
- Executive Council Resolution No. (105) of 2024 concerning the draft decision of the Chairman of the Department of Municipalities and Transport on the Schedule of Violations, Fines, and Administrative Penalties related to General Appearance, Health and Public Serenity in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi,
- Chairman of the Department of Municipal Affairs' Decision No. (119) of 2014 Issuing the Executive Regulation of Law No. (2) of 2012 (Use of the Satellite Dishes),
- Chairman of the Department of Municipal Affairs' Decision No. (120) of 2014 Issuing the Executive Regulation of Law No. (2) of 2012 (Abandoned Vehicles),
- Chairman of the Department of Municipal Affairs' Decision No. (121) of 2014 Issuing the Executive Regulation of Law No. (2) of 2012 (Preservation of the General Appearance),
- Chairman of the Department of Municipal Affairs' Decision No. (122) of 2014 Issuing the Executive Regulation of Law No. (2) of 2012 (Reduction of Disturbance Manifestations),
- Chairman of the Department of Municipal Affairs' Decision No. (123) of 2014 Issuing the Executive Regulation of Law No. (2) of 2012 (Camping and Events),
- Chairman of the Department of Municipal Affairs' Decision No. (124) of 2014 Issuing the Executive Regulation of Law No. (2) of 2012 (Maintaining Public Places),
- Chairman of the Department of Urban Planning and Municipalities' Decision No. (51) of 2017 Issuing the Executive Regulation of Law No. (2) of 2012 (Advertising Billboards),



- Chairman of the Department of Urban Planning and Municipalities' Decision No. (114) of 2018 Issuing the Executive Regulation of Law No. (2) of 2012 Concerning the Preservation of General Appearance, Health and Public Serenity in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi (Advertising Billboards) (Preservation of Walls), and
- Based on what was presented to and approved by the Executive Council,

Decided the following:

Article (1)

In application of the provisions of this Decision, the following words and expressions shall have the meanings assigned thereto, unless the context requires otherwise:

Emirate	The Emirate of Abu Dhabi.
Department	The Department Municipalities and Transport.
Concerned Municipality	Abu Dhabi City Municipality, Al Ain City Municipality, Al Dhafra Region Municipality, or any other municipality that may be established in the future in the emirate.
Law	The above-mentioned Law No. (2) of 2012.
Regulations for General Appearance and Public Serenity	The regulations issued under the law to maintain the general appearance and the public serenity, namely the regulation for preserving the general appearance, the regulation for maintaining public places, the regulation for reducing the disturbance manifestations, the regulation for camping and events, the regulation for using the satellite dishes, the regulation for abandoned vehicles, the regulation for preserving the walls and the regulation for advertising billboards.
Grievances Committee	One or more committees that is formed in the municipality and is competent to receive grievances related to the application of the law, and the regulations and decisions issued thereunder, and decide on the same in accordance with the applicable legislations.
Public Places	Parks, deserts, beaches, roads and the like, irrespective of the restrictions that may be applied on them.
General Appearance	Anything that preserve the cultural, architectural and aesthetic aspects of Public Places in the Emirate, including grass-covered spaces, pavements, buildings and their walkways, markets, fences and public roads. Behavior and attitudes that may in any way impair this appearance are prohibited.
Disturbance	Anything that may cause harm or annoyance to others or constitutes a trespass on private or public property or safety



	which may negatively affect human physical, psychological or social safety, including but not limited to, individual or group behavior which would restrict the freedom or sanctity of others and lead to panic, annoyance or provocation.
Public Serenity	The state of tranquillity and quietness in roads, Public Places, and residential places which ensures total comfort for the public against any action that causes disturbance or noise in any form.

Article (2)

The Schedule of violations and administrative fines attached to this decision shall be implemented.

Article (3)

- The judicial police officer shall be responsible for monitoring and detecting violations in accordance with the following procedures:
 1. Issue the reports of detected violations. For this propose, they have the authority to require presentation of the necessary documents.
 2. Notify the violator of the violation. Also, such notice may be served in an electronic way.
 3. The authorized judicial police officer may offer a settlement to the violator and register the same in the violation report.
- When the violations are detected, the judicial police officers may do the following:
 1. Using the devices and technologies determined by the concerned municipality.
 2. Seeking the assistance of the police or any other competent entity, if required.

Article (4)

The Chairman of the Department or his authorised representative may offer the settlement to the violator according to the following procedures:

1. The settlement shall be offered and registered in the detected violation report using the form prepared for this purpose and as per the processes adopted by the department.
2. The violator accepting the settlement shall submit his approval on the settlement in writing or electronically according to the processes adopted by the department.
3. The violator shall remove the effects of the violation during the deadline specified by the concerned municipality.
4. The violator shall pay 75% of the amount of the fine determined for the violation after ensuring that all the causes and effects of the violation are removed and paying any other expenses or fees related to the violation within a period not exceeding sixty days from the date on which the settlement is offered to the violator.



5. The violation shall be removed after being settled by the violator and paying 75% of the value of the fine resulting from the violation during the settlement period. The violation may not be reopened and no grievance shall be filed against it.
6. The settlement shall not remove the violation in case that the violation is repeated.

Article (5)

The concerned municipality may impose any of the following administrative penalties:

1. Serving a notice.
2. Suspending the violating activity and seizing the used tools.
3. Removing the violation at the expense of the violator.
4. Suspending the license or withdrawing it temporarily.

Article (6)

1. The violator may submit a grievance to the grievances committee the against the administrative penalty through the channels provided by the concerned municipality, and using the prepared form, stating the reasons for the grievance and providing the supporting documents. In all cases, no grievance shall be accepted after the expiration of a week from the date on which the violator is notified of the administrative penalty.
2. The grievances committee shall review and decide on the grievance, while providing the grounds for rejection or acceptance within two weeks from the date on which the grievance is submitted. In all cases, if the grievance is not decided within the aforementioned period, it will be considered as rejected. Also, the violator shall be notified of the outcome in accordance with the established procedures.
3. The grievance shall not cease or interrupt the period of settlement, which will remain valid throughout the period of reviewing and resolving the grievance.

Article (7)

1. In all cases, the violator is required to remove the causes and effects of the violation and restore the status to its original state within the deadline specified by the concerned municipality. If the violator does not comply after the deadline has elapsed, the concerned municipality shall remove such causes and effects at the violator's expense.
2. If the end of the deadline coincides with a weekend or a public holiday, the deadline will be extended to the first working day thereafter. In all cases, the violator shall be given a time limit to correct the situation or to remove the causes and effects of the violation.
3. The concerned municipality may remove the causes and effects of the violation immediately, without regard to the deadline of removal, if necessary.



Article (8)

1. The principle of gradual application of administrative penalties for violators shall be taken in consideration. However, more severe administrative penalties may be imposed immediately when the nature and circumstances of the violation warrant such action.
2. The violation shall be deemed a repeated one if committed within one year from the date on which the violation is committed for the first time. Also, the penalty shall be increased in the case of repetition in accordance of the Schedule attached hereto.
3. Each concerned municipality shall prepare a record for violators, including their data, committed violations, and the type of administrative penalty imposed in violators, its date, the number of repetitions, and any other data that it deems necessary.
4. The concerned municipality may coordinate and seek the assistance of the competent government entities to implement the administrative penalties it imposes, if necessary, and in accordance with applicable legislations.

Article (9)

Any text or provision contrary to the provisions of this decision shall be repealed.

Article (10)

This decision shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall become effective from the date of its publication.

Chairman of the Department of Municipalities and Transport

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Schedule of Violations and Fines
Related to Law No. (2) of 2012 Concerning the Preservation of the General Appearance, Health and Public Serenity in the Emirate Abu Dhabi
(Violations of the Regulations for General Appearance and Public Serenity)

Preservation of the General Appearance				
No.	Violation	Fine for the First Time (AED)	Fine for the Second Time (AED)	Fine for the Third Time and Above (AED)
1	Neglecting the property to the extent that it distorts the general appearance and poses a danger to the public safety and health.	5000	10000	20000
2	Constructing walls, installing fences, or placing covers in any property, wholly or partially, in a way that distorts the general appearance.	3000	5000	10000
3	Installing a vehicle parking canopy without a permit or by an invalid permit.	1000	2000	4000
4	Not adhering to the terms of vehicle parking canopy or leaving the same in a way that distorts the general appearance.	500	1000	2000
5	Leaving and neglecting flags, slogans, or symbols in a way that distorts the general appearance.	500	1000	2000
6	Failure by the owner or his legally authorized representative to provide a means of transporting waste from within the building to the waste room and remove the containers for unloading and returning them to their locations directly. This is not inclusive of the private residential units.	1000	2000	4000
7	Failure by the owner or his legally authorized representative to provide appropriate containers in facilities and commercial shops in order to be used by the public for removing waste.	2000	4000	8000
8	Adding any tools, equipment, or devices, or carrying out any decorative work or variations to the facades of buildings or any of the facilities and commercial shops (such as restaurant chimneys, gas cylinders, canopies, air conditioners, lighting works, pavements, and the like) without having any permit.	1000	2000	4000

Preservation of the General Appearance				
No.	Violation	Fine for the First Time (AED)	Fine for the Second Time (AED)	Fine for the Third Time and Above (AED)
9	Leaving, storing, hanging or placing any materials, pre-fabricated structures (caravans) or any other objects in public places in a way that obstructs passers-by, distorts the public appearance or harms public health.	1000	2000	4000
10	Leaving, storing, or placing any materials or other objects on rooftops or balconies in a way that distorts the public appearance or harms public health.	500	1000	2000
11	Utilizing, using, or covering the passages separating the residential plots and facilities and commercial shops for the purposes of storage or for unauthorized activities.	500	1000	2000
12	Putting clothes racks outside windows or verandas on either side of the buildings overlooking the public road.	500	1000	2000
13	Failure by the owner or its legal representative to maintain the cleanliness of waste disposal containers in the facilities and commercial shops.	500	1000	2000
14	Failure by the owners of facilities and commercial shops to maintain the cleanliness of the pavements and spaces adjacent to the facades of their shops.	500	1000	2000
15	Cleaning or putting carpets, covers, or other objects on windows or balconies overlooking the public road.	500	1000	2000
16	Leaving the assets or equipment used by companies in the public facilities of public places in a way that harms or distorts the general appearance.	1000	2000	4000
17	Writing or drawing and the like on the assets or equipment used by companies in the public facilities of public places.	1000	2000	4000

Maintaining the Public Places				
No.	Violation	Fine for the First Time (in AED)	Fine for the Second time (in AED)	Fine for the Third Time and Above (in AED)
18	Throwing construction debris in places not allocated for this purpose.	100000	200,000	400,000
19	Throwing farm waste in places not allocated for this purpose.	5000	10,000	20,000
20	Stopping or parking any vehicle in public places for the purposes of practicing commercial activities (sale, rent, promotion, advertising, or others) without a permit.	500	1000	2000
21	Putting any ready -made structure or building or the like in public places without a permit.	1000	2000	4000
22	Failure to obey the guideline or warning signs, instructions lists, or prohibitions signs for visiting and using the public places.	1000	2000	4000
23	Practicing any sports or entertainment activity in a way that impedes the access to public places by visitors.	500	1000	2000
24	Causing damage to green spaces.	1000	2000	4000
25	Misuse of public restrooms.	500	1000	2000
26	Causing harm to public assets.	1000	2000	4000
27	Picking flowers, reaping fruits, cutting the leaves of trees, or cutting the Palm Isqa (The Petiole) and the like, in cases other than those permitted.	500	1000	2000
28	Throwing cigarette butts outside designated containers.	500	1000	2000
29	Throwing Personal waste resulting from eating and drinking outside designated containers.	500	1000	2000
30	Climbing any building or the like in public places without a permit.	1000	2000	4000
31	Sleeping in public places.	500	1000	2000
32	Carrying out selling activities in public places without a permit.	1000	2000	4000
33	Water ponding on the surface of ground in public places as a result of washing vehicles.	500	1000	2000



Maintaining the Public Places				
No.	Violation	Fine for the First Time (in AED)	Fine for the Second time (in AED)	Fine for the Third Time and Above (in AED)
34	Placing temporary obstacles in public places.	1000	2000	4000
35	Causing Leaks of liquid materials or similar substances.	1000	2000	4000
36	Disabling access to fire extinguishing tap, fire alarm box, or firefighting exit by placing objects, equipment, or the like.	2000	4000	8000
37	Disabling access to any maintenance holes in public places.	1000	2000	4000
38	Disposal of sewage waste outside designated places.	100,000	200,000	400,000
39	Leaving full waste containers in facilities and commercial shops to the extent that it affects waste.	2000	4000	8000
40	Disposal of the oils used in rainwater drainage networks or soak pits or pouring the same on the pavements, roads, or outside designated places.	2000	4000	8000
41	Disposal of waste and debris through open burning.	2000	4000	8000
42	Having dust, sludge, or other objects distorting the general appearance and resulting from the site works in the perimeter, entrances and exits of the construction sites.	2000	4000	8000
43	Scavenging, searching through, or tampering with the contents of garbage.	1000	2000	4000
44	Throwing, placing or leaving waste, or the like outside designated places.	1000	2000	4000
45	Throwing gum or similar substances in public places outside designated containers.	500	1000	2000
46	Throwing waste from windows or balconies	1000	2000	4000

Disturbance in Public Places				
No.	Violation	Fine for the First Time (in AED)	Fine for the Second time (in AED)	Fine for the Third Time and Above (in AED)
47	Entering the places designated for one of the gender or families, for other than its intended purpose, except for children under the age of seven.	1000	2000	4000
48	Unlawful Use or reserving of facilities or seats in public places, which designated for the elderly, people of determination, or any other categories in accordance with the applicable legislation.	1000	2000	4000
49	Spitting or depositing nasal discharge in public places.	500	1000	2000
50	Spitting remnants of betel leaf (Paan) or Naswar, or disposing of their waste in public places.	1000	2000	4000
51	Defecation or Urination in areas outside designated places.	1000	2000	4000
52	Releasing any disturbing, offensive or dangerous material in public places.	1000	2000	4000
53	Standing or sitting on the sidewalks, pedestrians, entrances of buildings, facilities, and commercial shops, public services entrances, or emergency exits in a way that causes disturbance. This includes obstructing the freedom and movement of others, causing panic, harassment, or provocation.	500	1000	2000
54	Using any radio device or amplifier in public places in cases other than those permitted, causing any noise, shining laser lights, or other lights, or stirring dust in a way that causes inconvenience or anxiety to others in public places.	1000	2000	4000
55	Taking shower or washing animals or any of the personal holdings such as clothes and the like outside designated places.	1000	2000	4000
56	Distributing, placing, or affixing any printed or written materials for any purpose in public places, on parked vehicles, poles, or other objects in cases other than those permitted.	1000	2000	4000
57	Smoking in places not allocated for that purpose.	500	1000	2000

Camping and Events in Public Places				
No.	Violation	Fine for the First Time (in AED)	Fine for the Second time (in AED)	Fine for the Third Time and Above (in AED)
58	Organising, managing, or promoting any event or camping in public places without obtaining a prior permit from the concerning municipality.	10000	15,000	20,000
59	Organising, managing, or promoting any event or camping in public places with an invalid permit.	3,000	5,000	7,000
60	Not adhering to the conditions of permit.	3,000	5,000	7,000

Satellite Dishes				
No.	Violation	Fine for the First Time (in AED)	Fine for the Second time (in AED)	Fine for the Third Time and Above (in AED)
61	Failure by owners of the buildings or their legal representative to install the satellite dishes according to the approved conditions.	10000	2000	4000

Abandoned vehicles				
No.	Violation	Fine for the First Time (in AED)	Fine for the Second time (in AED)	Fine for the Third Time and Above (in AED)
62	Abandoning the vehicle in public places in a way that distorts the general appearance. This includes leaving the vehicle dirty.	500	1000	2000
63	Leaving the chassis of a vehicle in public places, which results in the distortion of the public appearance.	1000	2000	4000

Preservation of walls				
No.	Violation	Fine for the First Time (in AED)	Fine for the Second time (in AED)	Fine for the Third Time and Above (in AED)
64	Writing, drawing, and the like on walls or fences without a permit.	1000	2000	4000
65	Failure by the owner or beneficiary to remove writing and similar markings on the walls or fences, in the event that the violator is not detected.	1000	2000	4000

Advertising Billboards				
No.	Violation	Fine for the First Time (in AED)	Fine for the Second time (in AED)	Fine for the Third Time and Above (in AED)
66	Installation or use of an advertising billboard without permit or by an invalid permit.	2000	4000	8000
67	Failure to adhere to the approved advertising content.	1000	2000	4000
68	Violation of the requirements of the permit.	1000	2000	4000
69	Failure to comply with the correction notification.	2000	4000	8000
70	Failure to make repairs to the site after removing the advertising billboard.	2000	4000	8000
71	Providing wrong or misleading information to the concerned municipality within the permit application.	10,000	20,000	40,000

General violations		
No.	Violation	Fine (in AED)
72	Failure by the violator to remove the effects of the violation within the time frame specified by the concerned municipality.	Same fine applied for the violation that is required to be removed.
73	Obstructing or preventing the municipality from removing the violation.	100,000