

Land Code Enforcement

Overview of Model Ticketing and Enforcement Law

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How to Access the Model Ticketing & Enforcement Law

- https://labrc.com/resource/tmpd-workshop-enforcementticketing-east-region/
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There will be Model Law section references throughout this presentation.





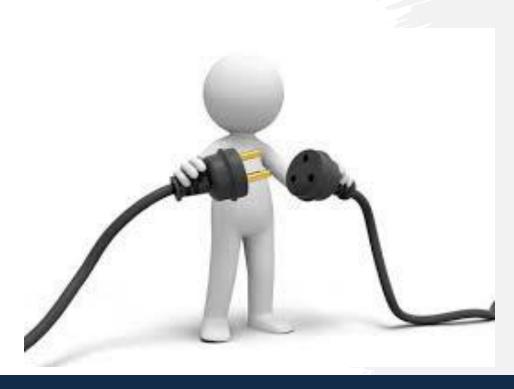
BACKGROUND & METHODS OF ENFORCEMENT

MODEL LAW IS PROCEDURAL

Offence will be set out in substantive Nation law (ex: trespass law, nuisance law, environmental management law)







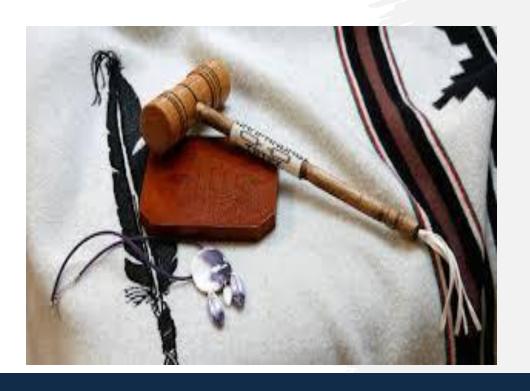


TWO STREAMS UNDER MODEL LAW

Court stream if available AND if Nation chooses to use it

Internal stream if no court tie-in OR don't want to use court

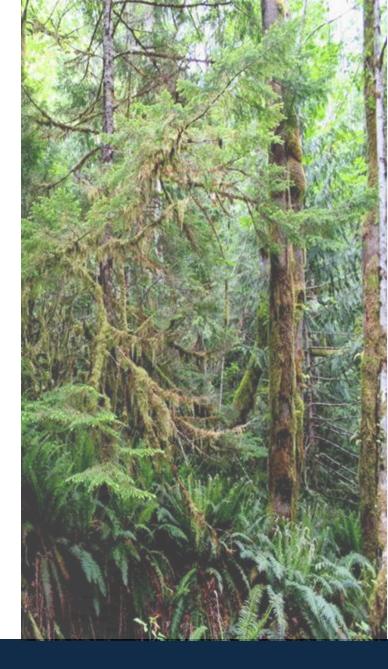






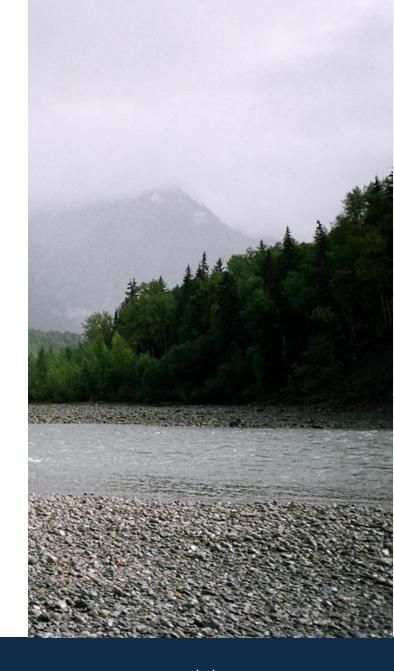
4 WAYS TO ENFORCE

- Model Law provides 4 ways to achieve compliance with a Nation law
 - 1. Warning issued (section 10)
 - 2. Compliance Notice issued (section 11)
 - 3. Ticket issued (section 12)
 - 4. Seek to commence long form prosecution/trial (section 24)













APPOINTMENTS AND DESIGNATIONS

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE APPOINTMENT (section 5)

Appointment by Council BCR



Qualifications & Independence

- Duties include:
 - Holding hearings to review Tickets that are disputed (sections 5.8 & 18.4)
- Must maintain judicial independence (section 5.7)
- Can only be removed by Council if misconduct or gross negligence (section 5.5(b))



ENFORCEMENT OFFICER DESIGNATION (section 6)

Can be police OR Nation's own Enforcement Officer



Role

- Officers will issue Tickets, Warnings, Compliance Notices (sections 10.1, 11.1 and 12.1)
- Have other powers as well, <u>but subject to</u> other legal requirements (sections 6.6 to 6.8)
 - Investigate and gather evidence
 - Inspect property and lands
 - Other powers under the Framework Agreement





WARNINGS, COMPLIANCE NOTICES & TICKETS

WARNING

- Issued by Enforcement Officer, on standard form (sections 10.1 and 10.7)
- Must be reasonable and probable grounds to believe an offence under Nation law was committed to issue a Warning (section 10.1)
- No penal consequence attached, <u>but</u> can result in escalated compliance methods for future offences (section 10.3)



COMPLIANCE NOTICE

- Issued by Enforcement Officer, on standard form (sections 11.1 and 11.7)
- Must be reasonable and probable grounds to believe an offence under Nation law was committed to issue a Compliance Notice (section 11.1)
- Includes conditions that must be followed to bring the person into compliance with the Nation law (section 11.2(e))
- No penal consequence attach, <u>but</u> can result in escalated compliance methods for future offences (*section 11.3*)
- Failure to follow conditions contained in Compliance Notice is an offence (section 11.8)





TICKET

- Issued by Enforcement Officer, on standard form (section 12.1 and 12.6)
- Must be reasonable and probable grounds to believe an offence under Nation law was committed to issue a Ticket (section 12.1)
- Issuing a Ticket constitutes the laying of an Information (section 12.2)
- There are specific content requirements to be set out on Tickets, including fine amount (section 13.1)
- Service is required for Ticket (section 13.5)





FINES FOR TICKETS

- Fine amount for Ticket will be established in either (section 14.1):
 - The Nation law creating the offence
 - A regulation established under the Model Law, setting out fines for various offences under various Nation laws (best practice)
- Can have surcharges for late payment, or amount for early payment (section 14.2)





OPTIONS ON RECEIPT OF TICKET

- 2 options when a person receives a Ticket (section 15.1): Pay OR dispute
- If pay within timeline, deemed guilty and no further steps (section 16.1)
- If dispute, the dispute hearing will happen either before Justice of Peace or in provincial court (sections 18.1 to 18.4)
 - If before a Justice of Peace, hearing with evidence, and finding of guilt or acquittal at end
- If do not pay within timeline, Ticket referred to Justice of the Peace who will review and may issue conviction (section 17)
- If conviction (from unpaid Ticket, after dispute hearing etc.), the fine is due and owing to Nation (sections 17.3, 19.6, 20.2 and 21.8)





FINE COLLECTION

- Various ways to collect an outstanding fine due to the Nation (section 22.1)
 - 1. Collections agency
 - 2. Withholding member distributions
 - 3. Withholding member services
 - 4. File debt certificate in court to open up additional potential remedies (may be challenging in some provinces)
- Debt recovery can be challenging for all government
- Provincial and federal governments typically have additional recovery tools not available to Nations
- Where possible, consider starting with the recovery methods that are easier from an administrative perspective (ex: member holdbacks)







LONG FORM SUMMARY CONVICTION PROCEEDINGS

PROCEEDINGS OCCUR IN COURT

- Where someone has reasonable and probable grounds to believe that an offence under a Nation law was committed, Council may seek to commence a long form prosecution (section 24.1)
- Use the private prosecution provisions in the Criminal Code (section 24.3)
- Threshold for commencing long form prosecution (section 24.2):
 - Multiple non-compliance incidents
 - Need a non-monetary order with conditions
 - Threat to community safety









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