The District evaluated the penalty guidelines of 157 counties and local municipalities for irrigation restriction violations. Fifty-five counties and local municipalities had penalty matrices or guidelines within their ordinance or code. Those matrices have been compiled and are shown below. The District does not recommend a specific penalty amount or set of guidelines.

(\*Note: some counties and local municipalities do not differentiate between year-round rule and water shortage penalties.)

**First Offense**

Range: Warning to <$1,000

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Amount** | **Count** |
| Warning (written) | 13 |
| $25 | 11 |
| $50 | 8 |
| $75 | 3 |
| $80 | 1 |
| $100 | 2 |
| $125 | 1 |
| $250 (after Notice) | 1 |
| Unspecified <$25 | 1 |
| Unspecified <$250 | 3 |
| Unspecified <$500 | 10 |
| Unspecified <$1,000 | 1 |

**Second Offense**

Range: Warning to <$1,000

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Amount** | **Count** |
| Warning (written) | 1 |
| $25 | 3 |
| $50 | 11 |
| $75 | 1 |
| $100 | 5 |
| $125 | 1 |
| $150 | 5 |
| $200 | 2 |
| $500 | 1 |
| Unspecified <$50 | 1 |
| Unspecified <$250 | 3 |
| Unspecified <$500 | 20 |
| Unspecified <$1,000 | 1 |

**Third Offense**

Range: $50 to <$1,000

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Amount** | **Count** |
| $50 | 1 |
| $75 | 2 |
| $100 | 5 |
| $200 | 2 |
| $250 | 7 |
| $300 | 1 |
| $500 | 4 |
| Unspecified | 3 |
| Unspecified <$250 | 3 |
| Unspecified <$500 | 26 |
| Unspecified <$1,000 | 1 |

**Fourth Offense**

Range: $250 to criminal violation

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Amount** | **Count** |
| unspecified | 47 |
| $250 | 2 |
| $400 | 1 |
| $500 | 3 |
| Water disconnect | 1 |
| Criminal violation | 10 |

**Other Individual Code Notes**:

* 5th violation is $500
* 4th and subsequent violation $500
* Add $50 to each violation not to exceed $500
* Fined increased by $50 per violation if contested
* After 2nd offense mandatory hearing before magistrate