

**THE GENERAL LAW VILLAGE ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 3 of 1895**

**66.7 Violation of ordinance; civil action to recover penalty; warrant; law governing proceedings.**

Sec. 7.

If a penalty is incurred for the violation of an ordinance, and a provision is not made for the imprisonment of the offender upon conviction of the violation, the penalty may be recovered in a civil action. If a corporation incurs a penalty for the violation of an ordinance, the corporation shall be sued in a civil action. Except in the case of a civil infraction action or an action against a corporation, an action for a violation of an ordinance of the village may be commenced by warrant for the arrest of the offender. The warrant shall be in the name of the people of this state, shall set forth the substance of the offense complained of, and shall be substantially in the form, and be issued upon complaint made, as provided by law in misdemeanor cases. The proceedings relating to the arrest and custody of the accused during the pendency of the action, the pleadings, and the proceedings upon the trial of the cause, in procuring the attendance and testimony of witnesses, and in the rendition of judgments and the execution of judgments, except as otherwise provided by this act, are governed by and shall conform as nearly as may be to the provisions of law regulating proceedings in misdemeanor cases.

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