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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Councilmembers

FROM: Tyler Dos Santos-Tam 
Chair, Executive Matters and Legal Affairs (EMLA)

DATE: September 1, 2023

RE: **Request for information regarding penalties in Bill 44 (2023)**

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Bill 44 (2023), "Relating to False Statements" seeks to penalize those making false statements to City Officials, particularly as it relates to "Monster Homes."

The bill has been heard in committee twice. The first meeting was used to gather insights from the community and City Departments without altering the Bill itself. The second meeting was used to amend Bill 44 to a committee draft that moved the bill's language into ROH Chapter 18, which deals with city permits. This allowed us to establish a framework for discussing how we as a Council wanted to craft penalties.

As such, I respectfully request that interested members provide their preferred penalties, in accordance with options identified in collaboration with the Office of Council Services (OCS). They are as follows:

1. Civil Penalties:

- a. Imposing civil penalties for making a false statement; and
- b. Imposing additional civil penalties for violations of building- and construction-related ordinances for persons found to have made a false statement.

2. Administrative Deterrents:

- a. Increasing permitting fees for persons found to have made a false statement; and

- b. Suspending persons found to have made a false statement from submitting a permit application.

3. *Property-Related Deterrents:*

- a. Making it easier for persons found to have made a false statement to be charged with perjury;
- b. Requiring additional building inspections for persons found to have made a false statement; and
- c. Requiring that a non-compliant structure be demolished if persons found to have made a false statement construct a non-compliant structure and non-compliance persists.

You may submit priorities via memorandum to Sherry Arca, Executive Matters and Legal Affairs clerk, in accordance with the attached form. **Please do so by COB September 8, 2023.**

If applicable, I welcome any additional ideas or comments you may have. Thank you for your consideration. Please contact my Policy and Communications Director Richmond Luzar at x85074 if you have any questions.

Attachment: Amendment Form - Bill 44 (2023) CD1

AMENDMENT FORM
Bill 44 (2023) CD1
Relating to False Statements

Priority	Type (Eg. Civil)	Penalty (Eg. Demolition)	Amendment Text (In Ramseyer form)	Comments/Clarification
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