

General Order No. 24-05

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

**GENERAL ORDER ADOPTING THE COLLATERAL FORFEITURE SCHEDULE
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Attached to this General Order (GO) is a copy of Title 38 Code of Federal Regulations § 1.218(b), which sets out a list of offenses that are prohibited and assigns a penalty for each. The penalties are hereby ADOPTED as the Collateral Forfeiture Schedule for the Department of Veterans Affairs in the Eastern District of Texas.

Under Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 58(d)(1) collateral may be posted in lieu of personal appearance of a person charged with certain petty offenses under the laws or regulations of the United States. Except when mandatory appearance is required, upon the failure of the person charged to appear before the United States Magistrate Judge for trial of the offense, collateral in the appropriate amount shown on the attached Schedule shall be forfeited to the United States and serve as the fine for said offense. The posting of collateral with the Central Violations Bureau shall signify that the person does not contest the charge or request a hearing.

This general order supersedes all prior general orders that set forth fines for the Department of Veterans Affairs in this district, including GOs 18-14, 17-6, 13-1, 9-11, 9-10, and 85-11.

Signed this 22nd day of August, 2024.

FOR THE COURT:



RODNEY GILSTRAP
Chief United States District Judge

VA REGULATIONS 1.218(b)
SCHEDULE OF OFFENSES AND PENALTIES

(b) Schedule of offenses and penalties. Conduct in violation of the rules and regulations set forth in paragraph (a) of this section subjects an offender to arrest and removal from the premises. Whoever shall be found guilty of violating these rules and regulations while on any property under the charge and control of the VA is subject to a fine as set forth in the schedule below or, if appropriate, the payment of fixed sum in lieu of appearance (forfeiture of collateral) as may be provided for in rules of the United States District Court. Violations included in the schedule below may also subject an offender to a term of imprisonment of not more than six (6) months, as may be determined appropriate by a magistrate or judge of the United States District Court:

		<u>FINE: *</u>
(1)	Improper disposal of rubbish on property	\$200.00
(2)	Spitting on property	\$25.00
(3)	Throwing of articles from a building or the unauthorized climbing upon any part of a building	\$50.00
(4)	Willful destruction, damage, or removal of Government property without authorization	\$500.00
(5)	Defacement, destruction, mutilation, or injury to, or removal, or disturbance of, grave marker or headstone	\$500.00
(6)	Failure to comply with signs of a directive and restrictive nature posted for safety purposes	\$50.00
(7)	Tampering with, removal, marring, or destruction of posted signs	\$150.00
(8)	Entry into areas posted as closed to the public or others (trespass)	\$50.00
(9)	Unauthorized demonstration or service in a national cemetery or on other VA property	\$250.00
(10)	Creating a disturbance during a burial ceremony	\$250.00
(11)	Disorderly conduct which creates loud, boisterous, and unusual noise, or which obstructs the normal use of entrances, exits, foyers, offices, corridors, elevators, and stairways or which tends to impede or prevent the normal operation of a service or operation of the facility	\$250.00

(12)	Failure to depart premises by unauthorized persons	\$50.00
(13)	Unauthorized loitering, sleeping or assembly on property	\$50.00
(14)	Gambling--participating in games of chance for monetary gain or personal property, the operation of gambling devices, a pool, or lottery; or the taking or giving of bets	\$200.00
(15)	Operation of a vehicle under the influence of alcoholic beverages or non-prescribed narcotic drugs, hallucinogens, marijuana, barbiturates, or amphetamines	\$500.00
(16)	Entering premises under the influence of alcoholic beverages or narcotic drugs, hallucinogens, marijuana, barbiturates or amphetamines	\$200.00
(17)	Unauthorized use on property of alcoholic beverages or narcotic drugs, hallucinogens, marijuana, barbiturates or amphetamines	\$300.00
(18)	Unauthorized introduction on VA controlled property of alcoholic beverages or narcotic drugs, hallucinogens, marijuana, barbiturates, or amphetamines or the unauthorized giving of same to a patient or beneficiary	\$500.00
(19)	Unauthorized solicitation of alms and contributions on premises	\$50.00
(20)	Commercial soliciting or vending, or the collection of private debts on property	\$50.00
(21)	Distribution of pamphlets, handbills, and flyers	\$25.00
(22)	Display of placards or posting of material on property	\$25.00
(23)	Unauthorized photography on premises	\$50.00
(24)	Failure to comply with traffic directions of VA Police	\$25.00
(25)	Parking in spaces posted as reserved for physically disabled persons	\$50.00
(26)	Parking in no-parking areas, lanes, or crosswalks so posted or marked by yellow borders or yellow stripes	\$25.00
(27)	Parking in emergency vehicle spaces, areas and lanes bordered in red or posted as EMERGENCY VEHICLES ONLY or FIRE LANE, or parking within 15 feet of a fire hydrant	\$50.00

(28)	Parking within an intersection or blocking a posted vehicle entrance or posted exit lane	\$25.00
(29)	Parking in spaces posted as reserved or in excess of a posted time limit	\$15.00
(30)	Failing to come to a complete stop at a STOP sign	\$25.00
(31)	Failing to yield to a pedestrian in a marked and posted crosswalk	\$25.00
(32)	Driving in the wrong direction on a posted one-way street	\$25.00
(33)	Operation of a vehicle in a reckless or unsafe manner, too fast for conditions, drag racing, overriding curbs, or leaving the roadway	\$100.00
(34)	Exceeding posted speed limits:	
	(i) By up to 10 mph	\$25.00
	(ii) By up to 20 mph	\$50.00
	(iii) By over 20 mph	\$100.00
(35)	Creating excessive noise in a hospital or cemetery zone by muffler cut out, excessive use of a horn, or other means	\$50.00
(36)	Failure to yield right of way to other vehicles	\$50.00
(37)	Possession of firearms, carried either openly or concealed, whether loaded or unloaded (except by Federal or State law enforcement officers on official business)	\$500.00
(38)	Introduction or possession of explosives, or explosive devices which fire a projectile, ammunition, or combustibles	\$500.00
(39)	Possession of knives which exceed a blade length of 3 inches; switchblade knives; any of the variety of hatchets, clubs, and hand-held weapons; or brass knuckles	\$300.00
(40)	The unauthorized possession of any of the variety of incapacitating liquid or gas-emitting weapons	\$200.00

(41)	Unauthorized possession, manufacture, or use of keys or barrier card-type keys to rooms or areas on the property	\$200.00
(42)	The surreptitious opening, or attempted opening, of locks or card-operated barrier mechanisms on property	\$500.00
(43)	Soliciting for, or the act of, prostitution	\$250.00
(44)	Any unlawful sexual activity	\$250.00
(45)	Jogging, bicycling, sledding or any recreational physical activity conducted on cemetery grounds	\$50.00

* Enter forfeitable collateral specified in the U.S. District Court Rule if different than the listed Section 1.218 fine, or enter “MA” for mandatory appearance if specified in the U.S. District Court Rule as required for the offense.