A local law to amend Chapter 53 of the Village Code of the Village of Hewlett Bay Park, to provide that the removal of stop work orders is a violation of the Village Code.

**Section one.** The Code of the Village of Hewlett Bay Park is hereby amended by adding Village Code §53-10(E) to read as follows:

"§53-10(E). It shall be unlawful to tamper with, remove or deface a written stop work order from the location where it was affixed unless and until such stop work order has been rescinded by the Building Inspector. The owner or other person in control of the location, shall ensure that the stop work order remains posted until rescinded by the Building Inspector. If the stop work order does not remain posted until such rescission it shall be presumed that the stop work order was removed by the owner of the location."

**Section two.** The Code of the Village of Hewlett Bay Park is hereby amended by adding Village Code §53-11(D) to read as follows:

**"§53-11(D).** A violation of any provision of this article shall be punishable as follows:

- (1) For a first offense by a fine not exceeding \$2,500;
- (2) For a second offense within an eighteen month period, a minimum fine of \$2,500 and a maximum fine of \$5,000; and
- (3) For a third or subsequent offense within an eighteen month period, a minimum fine of \$5,000 and a maximum fine of \$10,000.

**Section three.** Any local law, ordinance, or resolution of the Village of Hewlett Bay Park in conflict with this local law is hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, except that such repeal shall not affect or prevent the prosecution or punishment of any person for any act done or committed in violation of such local law, ordinance or resolution prior to the effective date of this local law.

**Section four.** If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section, article, or part of this local law shall be adjudged to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate any other part of this local law, or the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section, article, or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

**Section five.** This local law shall take effect immediately upon adoption and filing of such law pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law.