

# Fixed penalties for public cleanliness and obstruction offences can be settled via electronic payment systems

A spokesman for the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) said today (November 14) that with the relevant electronic payment systems updated, members of the public who received fixed penalty notices under the Fixed Penalty (Public Cleanliness and Obstruction) Ordinance (Cap. 570) (Fixed Penalty Ordinance) can settle the penalties by various electronic means prescribed in the notices.

The spokesman said, "Members of the public can choose to settle the penalties using electronic means including bank Automated Teller Machines affixed with 'Bill Payment' signage, PPS, phone-banking services, etc, or by posting cheques, drafts or cashier's orders or in person at any post office. For Internet banking payment services, updates of the respective banks' systems are being completed progressively and enquiries can be made to the FEHD."

During the earlier updating of electronic payment systems, the FEHD had reminded members of the public affected to pay attention to the payment arrangements. Those who have yet to settle the payment will receive a Notice Demanding Payment of Fixed Penalty (Form 2), with the currently available payment methods stated.

Upon commencement of the amended Fixed Penalty Ordinance on October 22 this year, the level of fixed penalty for depositing of litter or waste, spitting, displaying bills or posters without permission in public places, and fouling of street by dog faeces has been raised to \$3,000, while the fixed penalty level for shopfront extension and illegal disposal of construction waste or a large amount of other wastes has been raised to \$6,000.

Details of the fixed penalty notices issued by the FEHD between October 22 and November 12 for certain offences relating to public cleansing or obstruction are as follows:

|  | Number of fixed penalty notices issued |
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| Depositing of litter or waste in public places | 1039                                   |
| Spitting in public places                      | 55                                     |
| Display of bills or posters without permission | 103                                    |

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| Fouling of street by dog faeces                                       | 0  |
| Shopfront extension   | 50 |
| Illegal disposal of construction waste or large amount of other waste | 0  |
| Marine littering  | 1  |