

# | Fines

**Fines** are a type of Contract which involve a one-time expense that must be paid to the Government or other Citizens (often Property Owners).

A **Fine** must adhere to the following rules:

- A **Fine** must be in Diamonds.
- A **Fine** must not be more Diamonds than triple the Periodic Taxes of the fined individual. In the case that the Citizen is a member of a Shared Private Property their rent is added to the maximum **Fine** amount.
- A **Fine** cannot be due less than 3 Minecraft days after it was issued.
- A **Fine** must be written in a Book and Quill. Other extenuating punishments may be determined in the Book and Quill as terms of the Contract. Book and Quills are *not* supplied by the Government.

**Fines** must be officialized by a Elected Official rather than all members agreeing to it's terms. During this process, the Elected Official will sign the Book and Quill containing the **Fine**. The Elected Official may negotiate to change the terms of the **Fine** in order for it to be successfully officialized. Officialized **Fines** should be delivered to the fined individual. The fined Citizen will need to pay their **Fine** which is detailed in Requirement to Pay Taxes and Fines.