

City of Philadelphia



(Bill No. 220923-A)

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Titles 9 and 10 of The Philadelphia Code to establish procedures and requirements to prevent the theft of motor vehicles and parts, including catalytic converters and other precious-metal car parts and to impose penalties for non-compliance, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Title 9- Regulation of Businesses Trades and Professions is hereby amended to as follows:

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§ 9-6100 Persons Engaged in the Business of Salvaging, Dismantling, Recycling, or Repairing Motor Vehicles or Motor Vehicle Parts

(1) REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION-A person engaged in the business of salvaging, dismantling, recycling, or repairing motor vehicles or motor vehicle parts, shall obtain the following documentation related to the vehicle and/or parts and the provider of such vehicles and/or parts:

(a) the providers name, address, thumbprint, telephone number, and a photocopy of a government-issued identification of the provider; and

(b) a copy of the Title to the vehicle and other documentation indicating the make, model, vehicle identification number, date of purchase, description of the motor vehicle and/or motor vehicle part, including a description of the motor vehicle from which the part was obtained.

(2) DURATION OF RETENTION.— Persons Engaged in the Business of Salvaging, Dismantling, Recycling, or Repairing Motor Vehicles or Motor Vehicle Parts shall retain the Required Documentation for a period of not less than two years.

(3) Prohibition On Sale Of Partial Catalytic Converters.—It shall be unlawful to sell or purchase any catalytic converter or catalytic converter parts without the Required Documentation.

SECTION 2. Title 10-Regulation of Individual Conduct and Activity, is hereby amended to as follows:

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§ 10-503 Unlawfully Trading in the Business of Salvaging, Dismantling, Recycling, or Repairing Motor Vehicles or Motor Vehicle Parts

() Theft Of Catalytic Converters

“Whoever steals or knowingly and unlawfully takes, carries away, or conceals a catalytic converter from another person’s motor vehicle, or knowingly purchases such a catalytic converter, with the intent to distribute, sell, or dispose of such catalytic converter or any precious metal removed therefrom in interstate or foreign commerce shall be fined two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for each violation under this title or imprisoned not more than 90 days, or both.

() Trafficking In Motor Vehicle Parts Containing Precious Metals.—Whoever buys, receives, possesses, or obtains control of, with intent to sell or otherwise dispose of, a catalytic converter, including a de-canned catalytic converter, shall be fined two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for each violation under this title or imprisoned not more than 90 days, or both.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Bill, Passed by the City Council on December 15, 2022. The Bill was Signed by the Mayor on January 16, 2023.



Michael A. Decker
Chief Clerk of the City Council