

FACT SHEET**CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA**

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT</u>
An ordinance to add a new Section 90-128 to Chapter 90, Article IV, Division 2 of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, Code of Ordinances relative to drag racing and racing and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.	September 14, 2021	<u>COUNCIL DISTRICT</u> City-wide <u>SPONSORS</u> Councilmembers Tabatha Taylor and John Nickelson

PURPOSE

This ordinance adds a new Section 90-128 to the Code of Ordinances.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This ordinance prohibits drag racing and racing in the City of Shreveport and provides for a penalty of \$500.00 for a first offense and \$1,000.00 for a second, and any subsequent, offense, or imprisonment for not more than thirty days, or both.

TIMETABLE

Introduction: September 14, 2021
Final Passage: September 28, 2021

ATTACHMENTS

None

SPECIAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

NA

FINANCES

NA

SOURCE OF FUNDS

NA

ALTERNATIVES

(1) Adopt the ordinance as submitted, or (2) Amend the ordinance, or (3) Reject the ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION

Councilmembers Tabatha Taylor and John Nickelson recommend that the City Council adopt this ordinance.

FACT SHEET PREPARED Danielle A. Farr Ewing,
BY: Clerk of Council

ORDINANCE NO. _____ OF 2021

AN ORDINANCE TO ADD A NEW SECTION 90-128 TO CHAPTER 90, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 2 OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO DRAG RACING AND RACING AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY COUNCILMEMBERS: TABATHA TAYLOR AND JOHN NICKELSON

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana in due, legal and regular session convened, that a new Section 90-128 be hereby added to Chapter 90, Article IV, Division 2 of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana Code of Ordinances to read as follows:

Sec. 90-128. – Drag racing and racing on public roads and certain property; exemptions.

- (a) No person shall drive any vehicle in any race, speed competition or contest, drag race or acceleration contest, test of physical endurance, exhibition of speed or acceleration, or for the purpose of making a speed record upon the public roads in the City of Shreveport, including any publicly-owned or privately-owned property to which the public's access is not prohibited, and no person shall in any manner participate in any such race, speed competition, drag race, test of physical endurance, exhibition, or attempt to make a speed record.
- (b) For the purposes of this Section, “drag race” means the operation of two or more vehicles from a point side by side at accelerating speeds in a competitive attempt to outdistance each other, or the operation of one or more vehicles over a common selected course, from the same point to the same point, for the purpose of comparing the relative speeds or power of acceleration of such vehicle or vehicles within a certain distance or time limit.
- (c) For the purposes of this Section, “race” means the use of one or more vehicles in an attempt to outgain, outdistance, or prevent another vehicle from passing, or to test the physical stamina or endurance of drivers.

- (d) The penalty for violating the provisions of this section shall be a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for the first offense; one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) the second, and any subsequent offense; or imprisonment for not more than thirty days, or both.
- (e) Any motor vehicle used in drag racing or driving as defined in this section may be removed and impounded by law enforcement to the extent authorized by applicable law. An impounded vehicle may be held in impound for not less than fifteen (15) days or final adjudication of the case, with the costs of impound assessed against the violator.
- (f) The prohibitions contained in this Section shall not apply to events sanctioned by the City of Shreveport.

State Law reference— Similar provisions, R.S. 32:65.

Secs. 90-129—90-135. - Reserved.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this Ordinance which can be given affect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall become effective in accordance with the provisions of [Shreveport City Charter Section 4.23](#).

THUS DONE AND ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

City Attorney's Office