

ORDINANCE NO. 38 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 50-94 OF CHAPTER 50 THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO DIVISION 3 OF THE CRIMINAL CODE, OFFENSES AGAINST PROPERTY AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY COUNCILMEMBER

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana in due, legal and regular session convened, that Chapter 50, Article II, Division 3 of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana Code of ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

DIVISION 3-OFFENSES AGAINST PROPERTY

Sec. 50-94.1 Illegal Possession of a Catalytic Convertor

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to intentionally possess of one (1) or more catalytic convertor(s) that do not belong to a vehicle or vehicles owned by the individual in possession of the catalytic convertor(s), or that the individual cannot provide verification of legal receipt of the catalytic convertor from the vehicle owner or possess the vehicle's title. The year, make model and VIN shall also be required form the vehicle which the catalytic convertor was removed.
- (b) Whoever commits the crime of illegal possession of a catalytic convertor shall be fined not more \$500 or 5 days in jail, or both for a first offense, and a fine not more than \$1,000 for each subsequent offense or up to 60 days in jail or both.

Sec. 50-94.2 Purchase of a Catalytic Convertor

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person or any business to purchase a used catalytic converter that is not attached to a vehicle unless the seller is a licensed business, whose license permits the installation, replacement, maintenance, or removal of catalytic convertor.
- (b) Whoever commits the crime of purchase of a catalytic convertor shall be fined not more \$500 or 5 days in jail, or both for a first offense, and a fine not more than \$1,000 for each subsequent offense or up to 60 days in jail or both.

Sec. 50-94.3 Sale of a Catalytic Converter

- (a) It shall unlawful for any person or any business to sell a used catalytic converter that is not attached to a vehicle. This section does not apply to a bona fide automobile repair garage or used auto parts dealer; whose license permits the installation, replacement, maintenance, or removal of catalytic converters.
- (b) It shall also be a requirement of such bona fide automobile repair garage, or used auto parts dealer, whose license permits the installation, replacement, maintenance, or removal of catalytic converters to maintain such records in accordance with LA R.S. 37:1971 and 37:1967.
- (c) Whoever commits the crime of sale of a catalytic converter shall be fined not more \$500 or 5 days in jail, or both for a first offense, and a fine not more than \$1,000 for each subsequent offense or up to 60 days in jail or both.

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.

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

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

City Attorney's Office