

BILL NO. _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO REVIEW CURRENT CITY CODES, LAWS, REGULATIONS, STANDARDS, AND POLICIES PERTAINING TO THE THEFT OF CATALYTIC CONVERTERS AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO EFFECTIVELY REDUCE THE NUMBER OF THEFTS OF CATALYTIC CONVERTERS.

WHEREAS, a catalytic converter is a device designed for use in a vehicle for purposes of chemically converting harmful exhaust gases, produced by the internal combustion engine, into harmless carbon dioxide and water vapor; and,

WHEREAS, the device contains between 3 and 8 grams of rhodium, palladium, and platinum; and,

WHEREAS, the current value of these precious metals makes them appealing to thieves, and,

WHEREAS, Section 5.19.003 of the Independence City Code requires every secondary metal recycler to keep a register containing a written or electronic record for each purchase or trade in which each type of metal subject to the provisions of this section is obtained for value, with a separate record for each transaction being made for catalytic converters; and,

WHEREAS, Section 5.19.004 of the Independence City Code requires any secondary metal recycler that purchases regulated metal property from a seller and pays in the form of cash is required to obtain a copy of the seller's driver's license or non-driver's license if the metal is copper or a catalytic converter; and,

WHEREAS, Section 5.19.005 of the Independence City Code states that catalytic converters are not to be purchased by secondary metal recyclers unless accompanied by a receipt for removal or a title of the car from which the catalytic converter was removed; and,

WHEREAS, Section 5.19.006 of the Independence City Code prohibits the sale, disposal, trade, or transfer of secondhand metals for 10 days after the acquisition of the secondhand metal; and,

WHEREAS, Independence Police report seeing a recent string of converter thefts and have seen a metro-wide rise since April, including businesses along U.S. 24 Highway, with auto repair, car purchase, and car rental lots having been especially vulnerable;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the City Manager is hereby directed to research and recommend options to strengthen the City Code in an effort to reduce the number of thefts of catalytic converters.

PASSED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2020, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.

Presiding Officer of the City Council
of the City of Independence, Missouri

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

City Counselor

REVIEWED BY:

City Manager