

City Council Meeting

Agenda Item

Data Sheet

Meeting Date: September 19, 2022

Topic:

Adopt on first reading Ordinance No. 2022-32, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Tomball, Texas, Amending Chapter 30 of the Code of Ordinances, the City of Tomball "Offenses", by Adding a New Article III, "Catalytic Converters"; Containing Findings and Other Provisions Related to the Subject; Declaring Certain Conduct to be Unlawful; Providing a Penalty; Providing for Severability; Providing for Publication; and Providing an Effective Date.

Background:

The City of Tomball, like so many other communities in the United States, is experiencing a significant rise in the costly and intrusive thefts of catalytic converters. To strengthen local law enforcement's ability to recover stolen property and bring thieves to justice, Tomball seeks to create an ordinance much like ordinances already in place in Houston and Jersey Village that makes it unlawful to purchase, sell or possess a cut catalytic converter without proper documentation on file with the Tomball Police Department. The Ordinance creates a \$500 fine for every catalytic converter in a person's possession when the person does not have the appropriate documentation on hand or on file with the Tomball Police Department.

Origination: Tomball Police Department

Recommendation:

Review and adopt Ordinance 2022-32 which makes unlawful certain conduct related to the sale, purchase or possession of catalytic converters in the City of Tomball.

Party responsible for placing this item on agenda:

Jeff Bert, Police Chief

FUNDING (IF APPLICABLE)

Are funds specifically designated in the current budget for the full amount required for this purpose?

Yes: _____ No: _____

If yes, specify Account Number: # _____

If no, funds will be transferred from account # _____

To account # _____

Signed Jeff Bert

Staff Member

Date

Approved by _____

City Manager

Date