

STATE OF LOUISIANA

CITY OF WEST MONROE

ORDINANCE NO. _____

MOTION BY: _____

SECONDED BY: _____

AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT SECTION 11-4015.3, TO ESTABLISH THE CRIME OF OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE BY TAMPERING WITH EVIDENCE; TO PROVIDE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE ARE SEVERABLE; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that Section 11-4015.3 of the Code of Ordinances, City of West Monroe, Louisiana, is hereby enacted, to read as follows:

"Sec. 11-4015.3 Obstruction of justice by tampering with evidence

A. The crime of obstruction of justice by tampering with evidence, when involving any misdemeanor criminal proceeding that does not involve an intentional misdemeanor directly affecting the person and when committed with the knowledge that such act has, reasonably may, or will affect an actual or potential present, past, or future criminal proceeding, is tampering with evidence with the specific intent of distorting the results of any criminal investigation or proceeding which may reasonably prove relevant to a criminal investigation or proceeding. Tampering with evidence shall include the intentional alteration, movement, removal, or addition of any object or substance either:

(a) At the location of any incident which the perpetrator knows or has good reason to believe will be the subject of any investigation by state, local, or United States law enforcement officers; or

(b) At the location of storage, transfer, or place of review of any such evidence.

B. Whoever commits the crime of obstruction of justice by tampering with evidence shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars, imprisoned for not more than six months, or both."

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that if any provisions or sections of this ordinance are held invalid, such invalidity should not affect the other provisions or sections of this ordinance which can be given in effect without the invalid provisions or sections, and to this end the provisions and sections of this ordinance are hereby declared severable;

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of West Monroe, Louisiana, in regular and legal session convened, that for cause determined to be in the best interests of the City of West Monroe and its citizens, this enactment shall be effective on September 7, 2022;

The above Ordinance was read and considered by Sections at a public meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, in regular and legal session convened, voted on by yea or nay vote, passed and adopted the 6th day of September, 2022, the final vote being as follows:

YEA: _____

NAY: _____

NOT VOTING: _____

ABSENT: _____

ATTEST:

APPROVED THIS 6TH DAY OF
SEPTEMBER, 2022

RONALD S. OLVEY, CITY CLERK
CITY OF WEST MONROE
STATE OF LOUISIANA

STACI ALBRITTON MITCHELL, MAYOR
CITY OF WEST MONROE
STATE OF LOUISIANA