

Bill No. 5032

Ordinance No. 22-003

Requested by: Chief Kurt Frisz and Tim Lohmar

Sponsored by: Joe Brazil and Dave Hammond

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 375  
OF THE ORDINANCES OF ST. CHARLES  
COUNTY, MISSOURI ("OSCCMo") BY  
ENACTING SECTION 375.930 "VEHICLE  
TAMPERING" AS A PUNISHABLE OFFENSE

WHEREAS, thefts from vehicles and tampering with motor vehicles have reached epidemic proportions in St. Charles County; and

WHEREAS, this is swiftly becoming the number one public safety issue in St. Charles County; and

WHEREAS, immediate action is needed to provide law enforcement with the necessary tools and enforcement mechanisms to deal with this issue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 375.930 is hereby enacted as follows:

Section 375.930 "Vehicle Tampering":

1. A person commits the offense of vehicle tampering if the person:
  - a) Tamper with the vehicle of another for the purpose of causing substantial inconvenience to that other person or to another; or

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b) Unlawfully rides in or upon another's automobile.

2. For purposes of this section, "tampering" shall mean interfering with a vehicle improperly, meddling with a vehicle, displacing a vehicle, or making unwarranted alterations to a vehicle's existing condition, or to deprive, temporarily, the owner or possessor of the vehicle.

Section 2. A violation of this ordinance is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) or by imprisonment in the St. Charles County Jail for a term not to exceed one year, or by both fine and imprisonment. Enforcement of this Section shall be the responsibility of the Prosecuting Attorney.

Section 3. Publication and Posting. Following passage and approval, this Ordinance shall be published at least once in a legal publication or in a newspaper of general circulation in St. Charles County and posted in six (6) public places within St. Charles County pursuant to the St. Charles County Charter, Article II, Section 2.603.1.

Section 4. Responsibility for Publication and Posting. The Chief of Police, or his designee, shall arrange for publishing this ordinance in accordance with Section 3 of this ordinance. Payment to any publication or newspaper publishing this ordinance shall be from the appropriate budget line item or items of the Police Department.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective on the thirty-first (31st) day after publication of this ordinance

and public posting pursuant to the St. Charles County Charter, Article II, Section 2.603.1.

January 10, 2022  
DATE PASSED

January 13, 2022  
DATE APPROVED BY COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Nancy Shuman  
CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL

St. E. H.  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

ATTEST:

Paula Kunda  
COUNTY REGISTRAR