

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 136

Approved April 15, 2022

WHEREAS, There has been a concerning increase in the theft of catalytic converters throughout the City of Providence; and

WHEREAS, Catalytic converters are quick and easy to steal, and expensive to replace. According to a report by the California Bureau of Automotive Repair, stolen catalytic converters can bring the thief up to \$250, yet cost the motorist up to \$4,000 to replace; and

WHEREAS, On March 16th, 2022, the California State Legislature introduced Senate Bill 919 to help discourage, prevent and prosecute the growing crime of catalytic converter theft in California; and

WHEREAS, Legislation to prevent and combat catalytic converter theft is crucial to ensure the safety of vehicle owners and operators.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby calls upon the Rhode Island State Legislature to:

1. Prohibit cash purchases of catalytic converters
2. Require catalytic converters to be marked with the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN).
3. Require a purchaser of catalytic converters to cross-reference the VIN and contact local law enforcement agencies to investigate if the catalytic converter was stolen.
4. Metal recyclers would only be allowed to buy catalytic converters that have a clearly visible and untampered VIN on them, and they would have to keep detailed records of who sold them.
5. Require sales documentation of catalytic converters as required by Chapter 14 Article VII Sec. 14 - 134 of the City of Providence Code of Ordinances.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the members of the Providence delegation, the Speaker of the House, the Senate President, and the Mayor of Providence.

IN CITY COUNCIL
APR 7 2022
READ AND PASSED


JOHN J. IGLIZZI, PRESIDENT

Tina L. Mastrosanni
ACTING CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.



Mayor
Date: 4/15/22