



# Administrative Report

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H.9., File # 22-4210

Meeting Date: 6/7/2022

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**To:** MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
**From:** JOE HOFFMAN, CHIEF OF POLICE

## **TITLE**

ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY ORDINANCE NO. 3230-22, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ADDING MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 15 TO TITLE 3 REGARDING THE UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF CATALYTIC CONVERTERS, FOR SECOND READING AND ADOPTION.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

On May 17, 2022, the City Council approved the attached ordinance related to regulations prohibiting the unlawful possession of catalytic converters for introduction and first reading. The ordinance is now ready for adoption and second reading. If adopted, the ordinance will take effect in thirty days.

As part of the approval of First Reading of the ordinance, the City Council directed staff to increase the penalty from \$500 to \$1000 per violation. The requested modification is reflected in the attached ordinance.

## **BACKGROUND**

Adoption of the proposed ordinance would establish regulations prohibiting the unlawful possession of catalytic converters in the City of Redondo Beach. The theft of catalytic converters has been an on-going concern in the City for several years. Catalytic converter thefts contribute significantly to theft related crime statistics within the City and cost victims thousands of dollars in repairs. There is currently no local, state, or federal legislation to define and punish the possession of detached catalytic converters absent an identifiable victim. On May 17, 2022, the Redondo Beach Police Department proposed for first reading, the attached ordinance which is needed to establish regulations prohibiting the unlawful possession of catalytic converters in the City of Redondo Beach.

## **COORDINATION**

The Police Department coordinated the development of this ordinance with the City Attorney's Office.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Funding for the staff associated with the implementation and enforcement of the ordinance is available in the annual operating budgets of the Police Department and City Attorney's Office - Prosecution Division.

## **APPROVED BY:**

*Mike Witzansky, City Manager*

**ATTACHMENTS**

Catalytic Converter Ordinance  
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