

City of Philadelphia



(Bill No. 250890)

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Section 10-503 of The Philadelphia Code to prohibit the unlawful trading, theft, and trafficking of catalytic converters and motor vehicle parts containing precious metals, and to increase penalties, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Title 10 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

TITLE 10. REGULATION OF INDIVIDUAL CONDUCT AND ACTIVITY

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CHAPTER 10-500. PROPERTY – DAMAGING, DEFACING AND INTERFERING WITH

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§ 10-503. Unlawfully Trading in the Business of Salvaging, Dismantling, Recycling, or Repairing Motor Vehicles or Motor Vehicle Parts.

(1) Theft of Catalytic Converters. Whoever steals or knowingly and unlawfully takes, carries away, or conceals a catalytic converter from another person's motor vehicle, or knowingly purchases such a catalytic converter, with the intent to distribute, sell, or dispose of such catalytic converter, *any piece or part of a catalytic converter*, or any precious metal removed therefrom in interstate or foreign commerce shall be fined two thousand dollars \$2,000 for each violation under this Title or imprisoned not more than 90 days, or both.

(2) Trafficking in Motor Vehicle Parts Containing Precious Metals. Whoever buys, receives, possesses, or obtains control of, with intent to sell or otherwise dispose of, a catalytic converter, including a de-canned catalytic converter, *or any piece or part of a catalytic converter*, shall be fined two thousand dollars \$2,000 for each violation under this title or imprisoned not more than 90 days, or both.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Explanation:

Italics indicate new matter added.

~~Strikethrough~~ indicates matter deleted

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Bill, Passed by the City Council on November 20, 2025. The Bill was Signed by the Mayor on December 3, 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Elizabeth McCollum". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Elizabeth" and last name "McCollum" clearly distinguishable.

Elizabeth McCollum
Chief Clerk of the City Council