

**BILL NO. 40**

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 17-17 OF CHAPTER 17 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SUNSET HILLS WITH RESPECT TO TAMPERING WITH MOTOR VEHICLES**

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen has determined that section 17-17 of Chapter 17 of the Code of Ordinances requires revision to amend the code language regarding the ordinance violation for tampering with a motor vehicle.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SUNSET HILLS, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 17-17 of the Code of Ordinances shall be repealed in its entirety and replaced with the following:

**Sec. 17-17 Tampering with motor vehicle of another.**

(a) No person shall operate, use or tamper with a motor vehicle without the permission of the owner thereof.

(b) It shall be unlawful to tamper with the motor vehicle of another for the purpose of attempting to steal a motor vehicle or its contents. The act of tampering includes lifting door handles or otherwise trying the doors or locks of motor vehicles that are not owned by the individual. It shall not be a violation of this ordinance to lift the door locks of a motor vehicle by the owner of the property where the motor vehicle is parked.

(c) It shall be unlawful to enter the motor vehicle of another without the permission of the owner of the motor vehicle. It shall not be a violation of this ordinance for the owner of property to enter a motor vehicle parked thereon.

Section 2. The provisions contained herein shall remain in full force and effect in the event the City or the third party Municipal Code codification company the City engages makes non-substantive changes to the language herein contained or section numbers herein referenced.

Section 3. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Board of Aldermen that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases and words of this ordinance are severable, and if any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or word(s) of his ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases and words of this ordinance since the same would have been enacted by the Board of Aldermen without incorporation in the ordinance of any such unconstitutional or invalid portion of this ordinance.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February, 2022

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*MAYOR*

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February, 2022

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*MAYOR*

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
*CITY CLERK/CITY ADMINISTRATOR*