

**CITY OF COLUMBIA  
ORDINANCE NO. 3601**

**AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 9.16.200 TO THE CITY OF COLUMBIA  
MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO VEHICLE TAMPERING**

**WHEREAS,** the City of Columbia (“City”), Monroe and St. Clair Counties, Illinois is a duly created, organized and validly existing municipality of the State of Illinois under the 1970 Illinois Constitution and the laws of the State of Illinois, including particularly the Illinois Municipal Code, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto; and

**WHEREAS,** Chapter 9 of the City of Columbia Municipal Code (“City Code”), provides penalties for violating the public peace, morals, and welfare within the City; and

**WHEREAS,** Chapter 9 does not currently provide penalties for motor vehicle tampering within the City; and

**WHEREAS,** the City now desires to add Section 9.16.200 to the City Code to provide penalties for motor vehicle tampering within the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED,** by the City Council of the City of Columbia as follows:

**Section 1.** That the preceding recitations in the upper part of this Ordinance are realleged, restated and adopted as paragraph one (“1”) of this Ordinance.

**Section 2.** That Section 9.16.200 shall be added to the City Code and shall read as follows:

**“Section 9.16.200 – Motor Vehicle Tampering**

- (a) It shall be unlawful to tamper with the motor vehicle, or contents, accessories, and/or appurtenances thereof, 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, or attempting to access contents of motor vehicle accessories and/or appurtenances, 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.
- (b) 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 3.** 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 4.** All ordinances, parts of ordinances or provisions of the Municipal Code of the City of Columbia in conflict with any provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**Section 5.** This Ordinance shall take full force and effect after passage and approval by the Corporate Authorities.

**PASSED** by the City Council and **APPROVED** by the Mayor of the City of Columbia, Illinois and deposited and filed in the office of the City Clerk on the 7th day of March, 2022, the vote being taken by ayes and noes and entered upon the legislative record as follows:

AYES: Aldermen Roessler, Huch, Holtkamp, Martens, Riddle, Garmer, and Khoury.

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: Alderman Niemietz.

APPROVED:

  
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BOB HILL, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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ANDREW HITZEMANN, City Clerk

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