PRDINANCE 1st Reading Date to Mayor MAY 2 3 2024 Public Hearing Date Returned 2nd Reading & Passage Date Resubmitted to Council Withdrawn pproved as to Form and Legality Factual content certified by Wesley Bridges, Eso, City Afforney BRANDON GARCIA, CITY CLERK. CRYSTAL M. FELICIAN COUNCILMAN / WOMAN PRESENTS THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE:

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AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE DAMAGING, DEFACING OR REMOVAL OF STREET SIGNS WITHIN THE CITY OF TRENTON CHAPTER 54, ARTICLE V (NEW)

WHEREAS, the City of Trenton recognizes the importance of maintaining public infrastructure for the safety and well-being of its residents, visitors, and motorists; and

WHEREAS, street signs and poles installed by the City of Trenton or any other entity, provide essential information and guidance to pedestrians and drivers; and

WHEREAS, the damage or destruction of street signs and poles results in an unnecessary financial burden on the city's resources, while also causing safety risks to drivers and pedestrians.

NOW IT IS ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Trenton as follows:

- 1. It shall be unlawful for any person, within the jurisdiction of the City of Trenton to willfully damage, deface, destroy, remove, or tamper any street signs, or poles installed within the City of Trenton, whether by painting, graffiti, removal, or any other means.
- 2. Violations of this Ordinance shall result in penalties as prescribed in the General Penalty Provision of the Trenton Code as well as the remedies set forth in Paragraph 4 below.
- 3. This Ordinance shall be enforced by The Trenton Police Department action against violators in accordance with the law.
- 4. The City of Trenton may pursue civil remedies against individuals or entities responsible the damage to city-installed infrastructure as noted above to recover the costs of repair or replacement or may seek restitution in the Municipal Court as part of the sentence of a compliant.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED that the Ordinance shall take effect pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-181 and other applicable law.

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