

# Catalytic Converter Ordinance

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# What is a Catalytic Converter

- Part of car's exhaust system that converts harmful exhaust into less harmful exhaust
- Contain three precious metals that aide in making pollutants less harmful (platinum, palladium, and rhodium)
- Located exposed and underneath a car's chassis



# Why They Are Stolen

- Metals inside are very expensive
- Large secondary resale market



- No current offense for simply possessing a catalytic converter that has been removed from a vehicle.
- Must prove an individual possessing the converter stole it themselves or knows it is stolen property.

# Addison's Stolen Converters

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- Offense to possess a catalytic converter that has been removed from a vehicle.
- Exception for metal recycling entities.
- Each converter is considered an offense.
- Affirmative defenses:
  - Proof converter was removed from a specific vehicle; or
  - Proof converter was passed from owner of vehicle removed to person in possession.

# Questions

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