

MONROE TOWNSHIP, MIDDLESEX COUNTY

ORDINANCE NO.: O-1-2023-004

**ORDINANCE OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
AMENDING CHAPTER 76 OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP CODE
ENTITLED "PEACE AND GOOD ORDER" TO INCLUDE SECTION 76-1(A)(31)
PROHIBITING THE TRESPASS UPON PRIVATE PROPERTY FOR THE PURPOSE
OF TAMPERING WITH OR COMMITTING THE THEFT OR UNLAWFUL TAKING
OF A MOTOR VEHICLE AND PRESCRIBING THE PENALTIES THEREFORE**

WHEREAS, throughout the State of New Jersey, communities have been victimized by car theft rings, resulting in the damage and loss of private property and threatening the quality of life enjoyed by many; and

WHEREAS, in light of the state-wide increase in car thefts, Mayor Stephen Dalina and Chief Michael Biennas have introduced several programs to stem the theft of vehicles, including public information campaigns, special patrols and a camera doorbell initiative; and

WHEREAS, the actions taken by the Mayor and Police have resulted in the apprehension of numerous criminals and the return of private property; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Dalina has determined that further action is required to deter criminals from pursuing car thefts in Monroe Township

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe that Section 76-1 of the Code of the Township of Monroe is hereby amended by the addition of subsection 76-1(A)(31) as follows: (new text is in **red and underlined**, text to be deleted is ~~struck~~)

§ 76-1 Prohibitions.

A. No person shall, within the limits of the Township of Monroe

(31). Intentionally enter upon or trespass upon the land or property of any person without permission for the purpose of tampering with or committing the theft, or unlawful taking, of a motor vehicle.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that section 76-4 of the Code of the Township of Monroe shall be amended to read as follows:

§ 76-4 Violations and penalties.

Any person who shall violate any of the terms or provisions of this chapter or who shall commit or do any act or thing prohibited in this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof before the Municipal ~~Magistrate~~ **Judge**, be imprisoned ~~in the county workhouse~~ for a term not exceeding 90 days or shall forfeit and pay a fine not exceeding \$200, or both. In default of any fine imposed hereunder, any person convicted of a violation of any of the provisions of this chapter ~~may~~, in the discretion of the Municipal ~~Magistrate~~ **Judge**, be imprisoned ~~in the county workhouse~~ for a term not exceeding 90 days. In addition to the any other penalty including imprisonment prescribed by this section, the minimum fine for a violation of Section 76-1(A)(31) shall be \$1000 for the first offense and \$2000 for each second or subsequent offense. Each property trespassed upon, or vehicle tampered or targeted for theft or unlawful removal, shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect following adoption and approval in a time and manner prescribed by law.


MIRIAM COHEN, Council President

RECORDED VOTE – INTRODUCTION – January 4, 2023						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro		X	X			
Councilwoman Siegel			X			
Councilwoman Schneider	X		X			
Council V. President VanDzura			X			
Council President Cohen			X			

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at the regular meeting of the Monroe Township Council held on January 4, 2023 and will be further considered for final passage after a Public Hearing during the council meeting to be held on February 6, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Monroe Twp. Municipal Building, One Municipal Plaza, Monroe Twp., N.J. 08831. At said time and place, all persons will be granted the opportunity to be heard concerning this Ordinance prior to its consideration for adoption by Council.



PATRICIA REID, Township Clerk

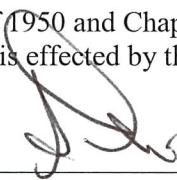
RECORDED VOTE – SECOND READING & FINAL ADOPTION – February 6, 2023						
COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Dipierro			X			
Councilwoman Schneider			X			
Councilwoman Siegel		X	X			
Council V. President VanDzura	X		X			
Council President Cohen			X			

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MAYORAL APPROVAL

By virtue of the Optional Municipal Charter Law of 1950 and Chapter 3, Section 19 of the Code of the Township of Monroe, my approval of this Ordinance is effected by the affixing of my signature hereto.



STEPHEN DALINA, Mayor

Date signed: 2/7/2023