

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**  
**AO No. 2024-82**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 10.20.041 AND 14.60.030 TO MODIFY RECORD REQUIREMENTS FOR SCRAP METAL DEALERS TRANSACTING CATALYTIC CONVERTERS.**

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**WHEREAS**, the Municipality of Anchorage has seen an increase of catalytic converter thefts from automobiles the past several years; and

**WHEREAS**, typically catalytic converters have no detectable or identifying marks and the ease and speed in which they can be removed has led to a rise in thefts; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals are incentivized to commit catalytic converter thefts due to the valuable precious metals such as palladium, platinum and rhodium contained in the catalytic converters and the lack of any regulation on their resale; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals in possession of these catalytic converters can recycle them for profit while victims of these thefts are left with costly repairs, generally between \$300-\$2500; and

**WHEREAS**, there is currently no local, state or federal law applicable within the Municipality of Anchorage requiring individuals to provide proof or documentation regarding a catalytic converter's origin or how it was obtained; now, therefore,

**THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:**

**Section 1.** Anchorage Municipal Code section 10.20.041 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**10.20.041 Scrap metal dealer record requirements.**

A. *Records required.* A scrap metal dealer shall maintain an accurate paper or electronic record of each in-person transaction in which the dealer purchases scrap metal from another person. The record of a transaction must include:

1. The date, time, location, and value of the scrap metal purchased;
2. The name of the dealer's employee or agent handling the transaction;
3. The name, address, and telephone number of the person from whom the dealer purchased the scrap metal;

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4. A description, including the license plate information, of a motor vehicle used to deliver the scrap metal to the dealer;
  5. If the person who sells scrap metal to the dealer is an individual, the number of the individual's driver's license, the number of the individual's government-issued identification document that contains a picture, or a copy of the individual's government-issued identification document that contains a picture;
  6. If the person who sells scrap metal to the dealer is an organization, the number of the person's state business license issued under AS 43.70.020;
  7. A description, including weight and quantity, of the scrap metal purchased by the dealer; the scrap metal dealer shall determine the weight by using a scale that complies with the state standards of weight and measure established under AS 45.75; and
  8. For transactions involving a detached catalytic converter, the Vehicle Identification Number, make, model, and date of removal, and current location of the vehicle from which the catalytic converter was removed; and
  9. The signed statement required by AMC subsection 10.20.041B.
- B. *Signed statement.* A scrap metal dealer shall require a person from whom the dealer is purchasing scrap metal to sign a written or electronic statement that the scrap metal is not stolen property. The person shall date the statement, and the scrap metal dealer, or the dealer's employee or agent, shall witness the person signing.
- C. *Inspection availability.* A dealer shall make the records required by AMC subsections 10.20.041A. and B.; and written proof as required by AMC subsection 10.20.041F. available for inspection by a law enforcement officer during the dealer's regular hours of business or at reasonable times if the dealer does not keep regular hours of business.
- D. *Reports to police.* A dealer shall make a weekly report to the chief of police summarizing all transactions. The report shall be on a form provided by the police department or any format acceptable to the police department.
- E. *Retention of records.* A dealer shall maintain the records of a transaction required by AMC subsections 10.20.041A. and B.; and written proof as required by AMC subsection 10.20.041F. for three years after the date of the transaction.

1 F. *Prohibited acts.* A scrap metal dealer shall not purchase or otherwise  
2 receive;

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4 1. M[M]etallic wire that was burned in whole or in part to remove  
5 insulation unless the seller can provide written proof to the  
6 scrap metal dealer that the wire was lawfully burned. Written  
7 proof shall be sufficient if in the form of an insurance document,  
8 fire or police department report, owner affidavit, or similar  
9 documentation and where it proves it is more likely than not that  
10 the wire's insulation was removed by other than legal means.

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12 2. Any detached catalytic converter removed by saw or other  
13 cutting implement, unless the seller can provide written  
14 documentation that clearly identifies the vehicle from which the  
15 catalytic converter was removed and date of removal.  
16 Acceptable documentation includes, but is not limited to:

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18 a. A letter of permission from the Anchorage Police  
19 Department to dispose of a catalytic converter that  
20 includes a law enforcement case number or property  
21 identification number;

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23 b. An order from the court designating ownership of vehicle  
24 or the catalytic converter;

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26 c. A bill of sale, purchase receipt, or vehicle title that  
27 includes the vehicle identification number of the source  
28 vehicle and accurate contact information for the owner  
29 of the source vehicle, signed by the owner of the source  
30 vehicle;

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32 d. A work or service order that identifies the owner of the  
33 vehicle and the work or service being performed on the  
34 vehicle;

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36 e. Documentation from an automobile repair shop or  
37 previous owner; or

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39 f. Other documentation the municipality has determined is  
40 acceptable.

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42 G. *Exemptions.* The requirements of AMC subsections 10.20.041A. and  
43 B. do not apply to a person's transactions with a dealer if the person  
44 maintains on file with the dealer the name, address, and telephone  
45 number of the person, and a taxpayer identification number issued by  
46 the federal Internal Revenue Service or a valid government-issued  
47 photo identification card.

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49 H. *Penalties.* A dealer who fails to comply with the provisions of this  
50 section shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$500.00 as set forth  
51 in the schedule of fines in chapter 14.60.

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I. *Definitions.* In this section, unless the context requires otherwise:

1. *Dealer* means a scrap metal dealer.
2. *Record* means a record required by AMC 10.20.041A. and B.
3. *Scrap metal* means used, discarded, or previously owned brass, copper, bronze, aluminum, lead, stainless steel, catalytic converter material, or other metal; in this paragraph, "metal" does not include ferrous metal, beverage containers, gold, silver, or platinum.
4. *Scrap metal dealer* means a person who purchases scrap metal for the purpose of resale or processing.
5. *Transaction* means the purchase of scrap metal by a scrap metal dealer from another person.

(AO No. 2017-31(S) , § 3, 5-26-17; AO No. 2019-79(S) , § 1, 7-9-19)

**Section 2.** Anchorage Municipal Code section 14.60.030 is hereby amended to read as follows *(the remainder of the section is not affected and therefore not set out)*:

**14.60.030 Fine Schedule.**

The fine schedule under this chapter is as follows:

Code Section	Offense	Penalty/Fine
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10.20.041F.	Prohibited transactions[FAILURE TO PROHIBIT SALES OF ILLEGALLY BURNED METALLIC WIRE]	500.00
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 (AO No. 93-167(S-1), § 1, 4-13-94; AO No. 94-108, § 1, 10-5-94; AO No. 94-134, § 2, 9-8-94; AO No. 95-42, § 2, 3-23-95; AO No. 95-67(S), § 9, 7-1-95; AO No. 95-102, § 1, 4-26-95; AO No. 95-118, § 3, 9-1-95; AO No. 95-163(S), § 21, 8-8-95; AO No. 95-195(S-1), 1-1-96; AO No. 96-51(S-1), § 2, 8-1-96; AO No. 96-96(S-1), § 2, 2-1-97; AO No. 96-126(S), § 3, 10-1-96; AO No. 96-137(S), § 9, 1-2-97; AO No. 97-88, § 3, 6-3-97; AO No. 97-107, § 3, 11-17-97; AO No. 97-133(S), § 1, 11-11-97; AO No. 98-27(S-1), § 2, 11-11-97; AO No. 98-160, § 2, 12-8-98; AO No. 99-13(S), 2-9-99; AO No. 99-91(S), § 4, 7-13-99; AO No. 2000-64, § 1, 4-18-00; AO No. 2000-116(S), § 4, 7-18-00; AO No. 2000-127(S), § 2, 10-14-00; AO No. 2000-129(S), § 26, 11-21-00; AO No. 2001-48, § 1, 3-13-01; AO No. 2001-74(S), § 2, 4-17-01; AO No. 2001-4, § 2, 2-6-01; AO No. 2001-145(S-1), § 11, 12-11-01; AO No. 2003-68, § 1, 9-30-03; AO No. 2003-97, § 4, 9-30-03; AO No. 2003-117, § 2, 1-28-03; AO No. 2003-130, § 8, 10-7-03; AO No. 2003-152S, § 10, 1-1-04; AO No. 2004-

1 1, § 2, 1-1-03; AO No. 2004-99, § 2, 6-22-04; AO No. 2004-100(S-1), § 6, 1-  
 2 1-05; AO No. 2004-171, § 1, 1-11-05; AO No. 2005-160, § 9, 11-1-05; AO  
 3 No. 2005-84(S), § 3, 1-1-06; AO No. 2005-185(S), § 35, 2-28-06; AO No.  
 4 2005-124(S-1A), § 33, 4-18-06; AO No. 2006-39, § 6, 4-11-06; AO No. 2006-  
 5 54, § 1, 5-2-06; AO No. 2006-80, § 1, 6-6-06; AO No. 2007-50, § 4, 4-10-07;  
 6 AO No. 2007-60, § 4, 11-1-07; AO No. 2007-70, § 3, 5-15-07; AO No. 2008-  
 7 84(S), § 5, 7-15-08; AO No. 2009-61, § 3, 7-7-09; AO No. 2009-82, § 5, 7-7-  
 8 09; AO No. 2009-40(S), § 3, 7-21-09; AO No. 2009-112, § 4, 10-13-09; AO  
 9 No. 2009-122, § 2, 12-17-09; AO-2010-35(S), § 7, 5-11-10; AO No. 2010-39,  
 10 § 2, 5-11-10; AO No. 2010-87(S), § 3, 12-7-10; AO No. 2011-46, § 4, 4-12-  
 11 11; AO No. 2011-59, § 10, 5-24-11; AO No. 2011-106(S), § 3, 11-8-11; AO  
 12 No. 2011-112, § 4, 11-22-11, eff. 12-22-11; AO No. 2012-10, § 1, 1-31-12;  
 13 AO No. 2012-77, § 29, 8-7-12; AO No. 2013-109(S-1), § 5, 12-3-13; AO No.  
 14 2013-130(S-1), § 1, 1-14-14; AO No. 2014-42, § 31, 6-21-14; AO No. 2014-  
 15 85, § 4, 8-5-14; AO No. 2014-110(S), § 2, 9-9-14; AO No. 2014-137(S), § 3,  
 16 11-18-14; AO No. 2015-23(S), § 20, 3-24-15; AO No. 2015-48, § 16, 5-14-  
 17 15; AO No. 2015-54, § 1, 5-26-15; AO No. 2015-65, § 4, 6-9-15; AO No.  
 18 2015-111(S-1), § 2, 1-1-16; AO No. 2016-16(S), § 4, 2-9-16; AO No. 2016-  
 19 76(S), § 7, 7-12-16; AO No. 2016-81(S), § 4, 8-25-16; AO No. 2016-83(S), §  
 20 9, 7-26-16; AO No. 2016-82, § 3, 8-9-16; AO No. 2016-116, § 2, 10-18-16;  
 21 AO No. 2016-115(S), § 2, 11-15-16; AO No. 2016-124(S), § 11, 12-20-16;  
 22 AO No. 2017-26, § 2, 5-1-17; AO No. 2017-29(S), § 61, 6-1-17; AO No. 2017-  
 23 30, § 3, 3-21-17; AO No. 2017-31(S), § 5, 5-26-17; AO No. 2017-119(S), §  
 24 4, 11-9-17; AO No. 2017-101, § 2, 2-5-18; AO No. 2017-161(S), § 3, 2-27-  
 25 18; AO No. 2017-16, § 3, 2-14-17; AO No. 2017-129, § 2, 1-23-18; AO No.  
 26 2018-63(S), § 2, 8-28-18; AO No. 2018-100(S), § 2, 1-1-19; AO No. 2018-  
 27 110, § 2, 12-18-18; AO No. 2019-9(S), § 2, 2-12-19; AO No. 2019-12, § 2, 3-  
 28 5-19; AO No. 2019-15(S), § 2, 3-19-19; AO No. 2019-34, § 5, 4-18-19; AO  
 29 No. 2019-50(S), § 2, 6-6-19; AO No. 2019-66, § 26, 6-18-19; AO No. 2019-  
 30 74(S), § 2, 6-18-19; AO No. 2019-79(S), § 2, 7-9-19; AO No. 2019-90(S), §  
 31 7, 8-20-19; Ord. No. 2020-4(S), § 3, 6-24-20; AO No. 2020-65, § 2, 9-25-20;  
 32 AO No. 2020-103, § 2, 11-4-20; AO No. 2022-97, § 1, 11-9-22; AO No. 2023-  
 33 27, § 2, 3-21-23; AO No. 2023-38(S), § 6, 4-18-23)

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 35 **Section 3.** This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage and  
 36 approval by the Assembly.

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 38 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 10th day of  
 39 September, 2024.

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 42 *Christopher Constant*

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 45 Chair

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 47 ATTEST:

48 *Janie King*

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 Municipal Clerk



**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE  
ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM**

No. AM 680-2024

Meeting Date: August 27, 2024

1 **From: Assembly Chair Constant**

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3 **Subject: AO 2024-82 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY**  
4 **AMENDING ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS**  
5 **10.20.041 AND 14.60.030 TO MODIFY RECORD REQUIREMENTS**  
6 **FOR SCRAP METAL DEALERS TRANSACTING CATALYTIC**  
7 **CONVERTERS.**  
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9 The proposed ordinance requires scrap metal dealers to inspect and record a  
10 detached catalytic converter's origin prior to purchase. This ordinance is modeled  
11 after similar laws from various local and state governments intended to deter the  
12 theft of catalytic converters.  
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14 **I request your support for the ordinance.**

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16 Prepared/Reviewed by: Assembly Counsel's Office

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18 Respectfully submitted: Christopher Constant, Assembly Chair  
19 District 1 - North Anchorage