

CITY OF RENTON, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RENTON, WASHINGTON, AMENDING TITLE VI (POLICE REGULATIONS) OF THE RENTON MUNICIPAL CODE, BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 13, "VEHICLE TRESPASS."**

**WHEREAS**, vehicle thefts and prowls have recently been increasing in King County; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the volume of these types of cases, it is becoming increasingly challenging for King County to prosecute these offenders; and

**WHEREAS**, despite the Renton Police Department's considerable efforts to bring these offenders to justice, an increasing number of them are not prosecuted and not punished adequately; and

**WHEREAS**, making vehicle trespass a misdemeanor would allow the City to more effectively deter and prosecute unlawful entry and/or unlawful attempts to enter into vehicles;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RENTON, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION I.** Title VI (Police Regulations) of the Renton Municipal Code, is amended to add a new chapter 13, entitled "Vehicle Trespass," to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 13  
VEHICLE TRESPASS**

SECTION:

6-13-1: Vehicle Trespass Prohibited

6-13-2: Definitions

6-13-3: Penalty

**6-13-1 VEHICLE TRESPASS PROHIBITED:**

A person is guilty of vehicle trespass if he or she knowingly enters, attempts to enter, or remains unlawfully in a vehicle belonging to another.

**6-13-2 DEFINITIONS:**

A. The word enter shall include the entrance of the person, or the insertion of any part of his or her body, or any instrument or weapon held in his or her hand.

B. A person enters, attempts to enter, or remains unlawfully in or upon a vehicle when he or she is not licensed, invited, or otherwise privileged to so enter or remain.

**6-13-3 PENALTY:**

Vehicle trespass is a misdemeanor punishable under RMC 1-3-1.

**SECTION II.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days after publication of a summary of this ordinance in the City's official newspaper. The summary shall consist of this ordinance's title.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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Jason A. Seth, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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Denis Law, Mayor

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Approved as to form:

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Shane Moloney, City Attorney

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