

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 215.290 "TAMPERING" OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF CANTON, MISSOURI, TO ADD THERETO A NEW PROVISION TO SUB-SECTION (A) OF SAID SECTION 215.290 DECLARING IT TO BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO ALTER, CHANGE, DEFACE, REMOVE, INTERFERE WITH, OPEN OR IN ANY OTHER WAY MOLEST ANY METER WITHIN THE CITY OF CANTON, MISSOURI

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CANTON, MISSOURI, as follows:

SECTION ONE. Section 215.290 of the Municipal Code of the City of Canton amended. From and after the effective date of this ordinance Section 215.290 of the Municipal Code of the City of Canton, Missouri, shall be amended by adding thereto a new sub-section designated as A-5 which, after the effective date of this ordinance shall be and appear as follows:

"Section 215.290 A. (5): TAMPERING

It shall be unlawful for any person other than duly authorized employee of the City of Canton to alter, change, deface, remove, interfere with, open or in any way molest any meter situated or being in the City and used for the supplying of any utility service to any consumer thereof in the City. All meters situated or being in the City must be free of any obstacles, including parked vehicles and easily accessible to duly authorized employees of the City for operation, renewal or inspections. A vehicle or vehicles parked in such a way so as to obstruct the access of any meter may, after notification as set forth in Section 220.140 of the Municipal Code of the City of Canton, Missouri be removed by towing without further warning."

SECTION TWO. Prior inconsistent ordinances repealed. All prior ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with or inconsistent with the terms of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION THREE. Severability. Each of the provisions of this ordinance are severable, and if any provision shall be declared to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall not be affected but shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION FOUR. Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect from and after it has been made available to the general public by posting a copy thereof in the City Office, 400 Lewis Street, Canton, Missouri, as provided by law, after it has been read by title two times before the Board of Aldermen of the City of Canton, Missouri, after it has been adopted by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Canton, Missouri, and approved by the Mayor of the City of Canton, Missouri.

Adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

  
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Presiding Officer

Approved this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk

