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ORDINANCE NO. G-1366

AN ORDINANCE creating Section 54-77 of the Pittsburg City Code to prohibit the removal and possession of shopping carts removed from the premises of local business establishments without prior written authorization, and setting penalties for such unauthorized removal.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body finds that shopping carts are being removed without prior written authorization from the premises of local business establishments; and

WHEREAS, unauthorized removal of shopping carts from business establishments in the Pittsburg city limits increases the operating costs of such businesses, are a nuisance, contributes to blight, creates conditions which may reduce property values in the City, and results in adverse public health and safety impacts, including but not limited to interference with pedestrian and vehicular traffic and injuries to persons or property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF PITTSBURG, KANSAS:

Section 1. Section 54-77 of the Pittsburg City Code is created to read as follows:

Sec. 54-77. – Unauthorized Removal of Shopping Carts.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person or entity to remove a shopping cart from the premises of any business establishment in the Pittsburg city limits without the prior written authorization of such business establishment expressly permitting the removal of the shopping carts from the premises.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person or entity to possess a shopping cart that has been removed from the premises of any business establishment within the Pittsburg city limits without prior written authorization from said business establishment.

(c) The premises of a business establishment shall mean the entire area owned, leased or utilized by the business establishment including any parking area used by the business establishment.

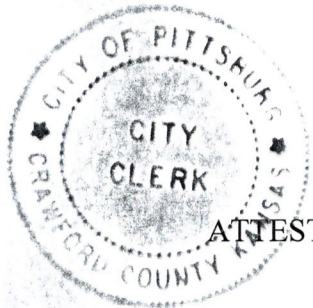
(d) It shall be the responsibility of the person or entity removing a shopping cart from the premises of a business establishment to provide written authorization from the business establishment.

(e) This section shall not apply to shopping carts removed from the premises of a business establishment for the purpose of repair, maintenance or disposal by the business establishment or its employees, authorized agents or contractors.

Section 2. Violation of this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication of its summary in the official city newspaper.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 10th day of September, 2024.



ATTEST:


Tammy Nagel - City Clerk



Mayor – Stu Hite