



Catalytic Converter Municipal Code

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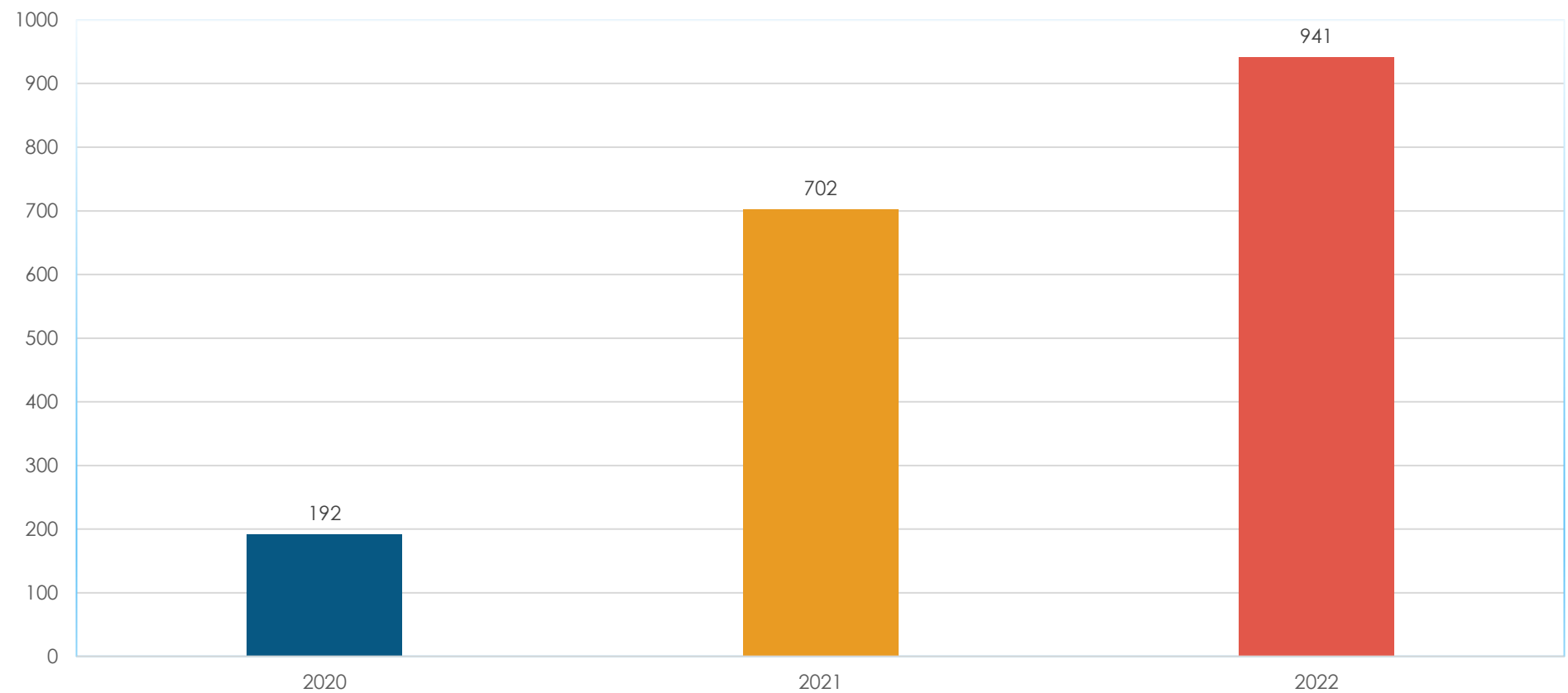
What is a Catalytic Converter?



- Is an exhaust emissions control device located underneath vehicles
- Contains palladium and rhodium, valued at several thousand dollars per ounce
- Can cost victims more than \$2000 to replace and yield up to \$200 on the black market



Catalytic Converter Thefts 2020-2022



What has the police department done?

CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFT

WHAT IS A CATALYTIC CONVERTER?

An exhaust emission control device on your vehicle used to reduce pollutants and toxic gases. Replacing a Catalytic Converter is costly, prices range from \$800-\$2,500.



WHERE IS IT LOCATED?

The Catalytic Converter is located on the underside of your vehicle, in the exhaust system between the exhaust manifold and muffler.

WHY WOULD SOMEONE STEAL IT?

Thieves target it because it contains expensive metals, has a street value of up to \$200, and removal can take less than 1 minute.



HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CATALYTIC CONVERTER IS STOLEN?

- Loud vehicle noises (specifically during start-up and acceleration)
- Rough driving
- Uneven acceleration

HOW TO PREVENT CONVERTER THEFT

- Park in the garage or a well-lit area
- Install a Catalytic Converter protection device
- Install a car alarm to set off when it detects vibration
- Get your VIN number engraved into your Catalytic Converter
- Use security cameras and motion sensor lights covering the area where the vehicle is parked

CALL 911 IF YOU WITNESS SOMEONE ATTEMPTING TO STEAL YOUR CATALYTIC CONVERTER

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- ▷ Shared public safety posts on social media accounts
- ▷ Shared information at Neighborhood Watch meetings and community events
- ▷ Actively investigate suspect leads
- ▷ Collaborated with our City Legal Department to draft the proposed ordinance

Current State and Federal Laws

- ▶ There are no state or federal laws applicable to prosecute the unlawful possession of catalytic converters without an identifiable victim
- ▶ California AB1740 and SB1087 address purchasers of the catalytic converters only

What would a Municipal Code Update do?

- ✓ Help deter criminal activity
- ✓ Specify consequences for illegal activity
- ✓ Help aid law enforcement investigations
- ✓ Show a proactive approach from the city



Proposed Municipal Code

- ▶ Make it unlawful to possess a catalytic converter without proving legal ownership
- ▶ Proof that the catalytic converter was stolen will not be required
- ▶ Each catalytic converter is an additional violation of the municipal code
- ▶ Is a misdemeanor

Proof of lawful possession

- ✓ Bill of sale from the original owner with photographs
- ✓ Documentation from an auto-body shop proving owner relinquished ownership
- ✓ Electronic communication from the previous owner
- ✓ Photographs of the vehicle from which the catalytic converter originated
- ✓ Vehicle registration associated with the catalytic converter containing an etched associated license plate number or vehicle identification number

Cities that adopted municipal codes like our proposed code:

- Irvine
- Vallejo
- South San Francisco
- Lake Forest
- Fresno
- Huntington Beach
- Chino Hills
- Orange

Questions?



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