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7/11/2019	1	Committee on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety	Recommended to Pass	
7/11/2019	1	Committee on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety	Substituted in Committee	
5/29/2019	1	City Council	Referred	

### SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE

#### BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

SECTION 1. Section 9-4-010 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by deleting the language stricken through and by inserting the language underscored, as follows:

#### 9-4-010 Definitions.

Whenever the following words and phrases are used in ~~Chapter~~ Chapters 9-4 through 9-103 of this Code, they shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this section:

*(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)*

"Drag racing" means the act of: (1) two or more individuals competing or racing on any street<sup>^</sup> er-highway or other public way in a situation in which one of the motor vehicles is beside or to the rear of a motor vehicle operated by a competing driver and the one driver attempts to prevent the competing driver from passing or overtaking, either by acceleration or maneuver<sup>^</sup> or (2) one or more individuals competing in a race against time on any street<sup>^</sup> e\* highway or other public way.

"Drifting" means a driving technique in which the driver of a motor vehicle, in the absence of an emergency, either: (1) causes the vehicle to spin, skid, slide, turn abruptly or sway upon acceleration or braking; or (2) uses or controls the vehicle's throttle, brakes, clutch, gear shifting, steering input or other driving

mechanisms, in any combination, to keep the vehicle in a state of oversteer while maneuvering the vehicle from turn to turn, or in circles, or in a figure eight, in a manner such that: (i) the rear slip angle of the wheels is greater than the front slip angle, and the front wheels are pointing in the opposite direction to the turn (e.g. the vehicle is turning left, wheels are pointed right); or (ii) the vehicle slides sideways through the turn(s); or (iii) the amount of countersteer (or opposite lock) coupled with the simultaneous modulation of the vehicle's throttle and brakes shifts the weight balance of the vehicle back and forth through the turn(s); or (iv) any or all of the vehicle's tires lose traction or grip on the road; or (v) an audible squeak or squeal sound coming from the vehicle's wheel area occurs when the vehicle is in motion or when the brakes are applied.

*(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)*

SECTION 2. Section 9-12-090 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by deleting the language stricken through and by inserting the language underscored, as follows:

**9-12-090 Drag racing.**

No person who operates a motor vehicle shall engage in drag racing, as defined in Section 9-4-010, on any street, highway or other public way within the City. In addition to any

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other penalty provided by law, any person who violates this section shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$5,000.00 nor more than \$10,000.00 for each offense. Each day that a violation continues shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

*(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)*

SECTION 3. Chapter 9-12 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by inserting a new Section 9-12-100, as follows:

**9-12-100 Drifting.**

No person who operates a motor vehicle shall engage in drifting, as defined in Section 9-4-010, on any street, highway or other public way within the City. In addition to any other penalty provided by law, any person who violates this section shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$5,000.00 nor more than \$10,000.00 for each offense. Each day that a violation continues shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

SECTION 4. Section 9-76-140 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by deleting the language stricken through and by inserting the language underscored, as follows:

**9-76-140 Exhaust system.**

*(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)*

(2) No person shall use a muffler cutout, ~~by-pass~~ by-pass, straight pipe or similar device upon a motor vehicle on a street, highway or other public way within the City. Any person who violates this subsection (a)(2) shall be subject to a fine of \$500.00 for each offense. Each day that a violation continues shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

*(Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)*

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take full force and effect ten days after its passage and publication.

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**CHICAGO, JULY 24, 2019**

To the President and Members of the City Council:

Your Committee on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety, to which was referred a Substitute Ordinance which is an Amendment of Municipal Code Title 9 to prohibit drifting and drag racing of vehicles on public ways, begs leave to recommend that Your Honorable Body DO PASS the proposed ordinance transmitted herewith.

**These recommendations were concurred by all members of the committee present, with no dissenting votes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Burnett, Jr. Chairman,  
Committee on Pedestrian and Traffic  
Safety