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ORDINANCE

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 9-12 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by inserting new Section 9-12-105, as follows:

9-12-105 Offenses related to reckless driving events.

a) No person shall knowingly act as an organizer of, participant in, or spectator of any reckless driving event.

b) As used in this section:

"Organizer" means any individual who in any manner knowingly takes part in the planning, organization, coordination, advertisement, promotion, or sharing of the location of any reckless driving event for the purposes of facilitating such event or encouraging attendance at such event, or collects moneys in connection with such event.

"Participant" means any individual who is knowingly present at any reckless driving event for the purpose of actively taking part in such event, through conduct including riding in a drag race vehicle as a willing passenger; assisting the organizers or operators of the vehicles in carrying out the event; or exchanging money or anything of value with any driver, owner of record of the motor vehicle, or other participant in connection with the event.

"Reckless driving event" means any event wherein people engage in: (i) drag racing, as defined in Section 9-4-010; (ii) drifting, as defined in Section 9-4-010; or (iii) a violation of 9-48-080.

"Spectator" means any individual who is present at any reckless driving event for the purpose of viewing, observing, watching, or witnessing such event as it progresses, or who is present at any preparations for any such event. "Spectator" includes any person at the location of the event without regard to the means by which the person arrived. "Spectator" does not include an individual who is a mere bystander or passerby, or any law enforcement officer or other government employee responding to a reckless driving event.

c) In addition to any other penalty provided by law, any individual who violates this section: (i) as an organizer shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$2,000; (ii) as a participant shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000; and (iii) as a spectator shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$250.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take full force and effect ten days after its passage and publication.