



Ord. #5559

An Ordinance to Amend City of Memphis, Code of Ordinances, Chapter 21 – Vehicles and Traffic, to Clarify Regulations of Motor Vehicle Window Tint

WHEREAS, the City's existing Ordinance provisions relating to the permissible levels of window tint on motor vehicles are inconsistent; and

WHEREAS, said Ordinance provisions possibly confuse the terms "transmittance" and "reflectance," as they relate to permissible degrees of vehicle window tint; and

WHEREAS, greater clarity is required for law enforcement personnel to properly enforce said provisions;

NOW THEREFORE,

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS, that Section 21-338 (c), of the City of Memphis Code of Ordinances is hereby deleted and replaced with the following provision:

It is unlawful for any person to operate a motor vehicle upon a public highway, street or road, which has been altered, treated or replaced by the affixation, application or installation of any material which causes the visible light transmittance of any window to be less than 35 percent.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS, that Section 21-310 (11), of the City of Memphis Code of Ordinances is hereby deleted and replaced with the following provision:

Window tint. No window on a motor vehicle may have a visible light transmittance of less than 35 percent. Windshields, specifically, may not have a visible light transmittance of less than 70 percent, with the exception of the manufacturer's standard installed shade band, which reduces the visible light transmittance in the uppermost portion of the windshield. (The shade band should not exceed six inches from the top of the windshield, or below the AS1 line on the windshield.)

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS, that this Ordinance shall take effect from and after the date it shall have been passed by the Council, signed by

the Chairman of the Council, certified and delivered to the Office of the Mayor in writing by the Comptroller, and become effective as otherwise provided by law.

Jim Strickland, Chairman
Memphis City Council

ATTEST:

Comptroller

THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE
5559 PASSED
1st Reading 8-5-2014
2nd Reading 8-19-2014
3rd Reading 9-02-2014
Approved: [Signature]
Chairman of Council
Date Signed: 9-16-14
Approved: [Signature]
Mayor, City of Memphis
Date Signed: 9/22/14

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy, and said document was adopted by the Council of the City of Memphis as above indicated and approved by the Mayor.

Valerie C. Sripes
Comptroller