

ORDINANCE NO. _____ OF 2026

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PORTIONS OF CHAPTER 50 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO BATTERY OF A TRANSIT WORKER, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Article II of Chapter 50 of the Code of Ordinances regulates misdemeanor criminal offenses; and

WHEREAS, Division 2 of Article II of Chapter 50 of the Code of Ordinances regulates offenses against persons; and

WHEREAS, SporTran desires to establish a misdemeanor offense regarding batteries committed against transit workers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that Section 50-63 of the Code of Ordinances be amended and be re-enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 50-63. – Battery of a transit worker.

- A. Battery of a transit worker is a battery committed without the consent of the victim when the offender has reasonable grounds to believe the victim is a transit worker acting in the performance of his or her duties.
- B. For purposes of this Section, “transit worker” means any employee or agent of a public transportation system, including but not limited to drivers, supervisors, clerks, or maintenance personnel engaged in the course and scope of their official duties.

- C. Whoever commits the crime of battery of a transit worker shall be fined not more than \$500.00 and imprisoned not less than 15 days nor more than 60 days, without benefit of suspension of sentence.
- D. The prosecution or enforcement of any violation of this Section shall not preclude, bar, or otherwise limit the prosecution of the same conduct under any other applicable provision of federal law, state law, or local ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the text of former Section 50-63, as it existed immediately prior to the adoption of this Ordinance, is hereby preserved and reassigned as Section 50-64 of the Code of Ordinances, and all sections of Chapter 50 occurring after former Section 50-63 are hereby renumbered sequentially to reflect the reassignment provided herein.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this ordinance or application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items, or application, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

City Attorney's Office