

**AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE TAMPERING OF CITY OWNED EQUIPMENT, CITY PROPERTY AND CITY AND PUBLIC UTILITIES; DESIGNATING WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.**

**BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF ST. MARY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** A person commits the offense of tampering if:

- (1) He/She for the purpose of causing a substantial interruption or impairment of a service, rendered to the public by a utility or by an institution providing health or safety protection, damages or tampers with property or facilities of such a utility or institution, and thereby causes substantial interruption or impairment of service; or
- (2) He/She tampers with, or causes to be tampered with, any meter or other property of an electric, water, cable or sewer utility, the effect of which tampering is either:
  - (a) to prevent the proper measuring of electric, water, cable or sewer service or;
  - (b) to permit the diversion of any electric, water, cable or sewer service.
- (3) He/She knowingly and willingly damages public property where regulations had been posted by a utility to protect the health and welfare of the public at large.

**SECTION 2.** Any person committing the offense of tampering shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to fine or imprisonment or both fine and imprisonment.

**SECTION 3.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 4.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Passed and approved this the 13th day of October, 1998.

  
MAYOR CARLTON WYATT

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK JOANN E. DONZE

<u>ALDERMEN</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Robert Bequette	X			
Roger Odem	X			
Douglas Roderique	X			
Robert Schultz	X			

I, JoAnn E. Donze, Clerk of the City of St. Mary, do hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Mary, Missouri at a meeting thereof assembled this the 13th day of October, 1998.

Jo Ann E Donze  
CITY CLERK JOANN E. DONZE