

Resolution No. 375-2023

By Council Members Polensek and Harsh

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

Encouraging the Bibb Administration to continue reviewing a possible lawsuit against TikTok for airing on its platform how to steal Kias and Hyundais.

WHEREAS, over 60% of vehicles stolen in Cuyahoga County in November and December, 2022 were Kias and Hyundais; Cleveland alone saw 459 thefts of the two makes of cars in the December, 2022; and

WHEREAS, since January 1, 2023, car thefts in the City are up 116%, averaging 23 cars thefts per day – the majority of which are Hyundais and Kias; and

WHEREAS, these thefts can be attributed to a TikTok challenge that shows viewers how to steal certain Kia and Hyundai vehicles manufactured between 2015-2021; and

WHEREAS, TikTok should be held responsible for making available on its site how to steal certain Kias and Hyundais, thereby causing car thieves to wreak havoc on this community, the owners of these vehicles and our safety forces; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

Section 1. That this Council encourages the Bibb Administration to continue reviewing a possible lawsuit against TikTok for airing on its platform how to steal Kias and Hyundais.

Section 2. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

MP:rns
3/20/2023

