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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to unattended vehicles.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 10-111 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to read as follows:

§ 10-111 [Locks on motor vehicles] <u>Unattended vehicles</u>. a. It shall be unlawful for any person driving or in charge of a motor vehicle to permit it to stand unattended [for more than three minutes] on the streets or thoroughfares of the city, without first stopping the engine, locking the ignition and, where the ignition is <u>locked or unlocked by a key or other device</u>, removing [the] <u>such key or other device</u>.

b. Violations. Any person who violates the provisions of this section, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of [not more than five] <u>two hundred fifty</u> dollars or imprisonment not to exceed two days, or both. Whenever a police officer shall find a motor vehicle standing in violation of this provision, the officer may <u>stop the engine and/or</u> remove the ignition key <u>or device</u> therefrom and, in the event that the owner or operator thereof is not present, shall deliver [it] <u>the ignition key or device</u> to the nearest patrol precinct station house within one hour after removing same to be held for and returned to such owner or operator. In the event the key <u>or device</u> is so delivered to a station house, the officer shall attach to the vehicle a tag stating where the <u>ignition key or device</u> may be reclaimed.

c. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any person driving or in charge of <u>a utility vehicle</u> regulated by the New York state public service commission when the engine is used to operate a processing

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device and the wheels on the vehicle are chocked and an emergency brake is applied to secure the vehicle in place [an omnibus operated under a franchise of the city of New York, which has clearly marked on its exterior the name of its owner].

§ 2. This local law shall take effect immediately after it is enacted into law.

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