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## **R-3                      ORDINANCE NO. 49,958**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REORDAIN SECTION 29 OF THE NORFOLK CITY CODE, 1979, SO AS TO ADD A NEW SECTION NUMBERED 29-11, RELATING TO THE CONCEALING OR TAKING POSSESSION OF MERCHANDISE; ALTERING PRICE TAGS; TRANSFERRING GOODS FROM ONE CONTAINER TO ANOTHER; COUNSELING, ETC., ANOTHER IN PERFORMANCE OF SUCH ACTS.

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BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Norfolk:

Section 1:- That Section 29 of the Norfolk City Code, 1979, relating to the concealing or taking possession of merchandise; altering price tags; transferring goods from one container to another; counseling, etc., another in performance of such acts, is hereby amended and reordained so as to create a new section to read as follows:

Sec.29-11. Concealing or taking possession of merchandise; altering price tags; transferring goods from one container to another; counseling, etc., another in performance of such acts.

Whoever, without authority, with the intention of converting goods or merchandise to his own or another's use without having paid the full purchase price thereof, or of defrauding the owner of the value of the goods or merchandise, (i) willfully conceals or takes possession of the goods or merchandise of any store or other mercantile establishment, or (ii) alters the price tag or other price marking on such goods or merchandise, or transfers the goods from one container to another, or (iii) counsels, assists, aids or abets another in the performance of any of the above acts, shall be guilty of larceny. The willful concealment of goods or merchandise of any store or other mercantile establishment, while still on the premises thereof, shall be prima facie evidence of an intent to convert and defraud the owner thereof out of the value of the goods or merchandise. A violation of this section shall constitute a class 1 misdemeanor.

Section 2:- That this ordinance shall be in effect from and after the date of its adoption.

EXHIBITS: None

**ADOPTED BY COUNCIL MAY 13, 2025**  
**EFFECTIVE MAY 13, 2025**