

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-087

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE PRACTICE OF ENGINE BRAKING, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "JAKE BRAKING", TO BE PROHIBITED WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF FINDLAY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Findlay, State of Ohio, two-thirds (2/3) of all members elected thereto concurring:

SECTION 1: That Council for the City of Findlay desires to control noise pollution and unnecessary traffic noise.

SECTION 2: *Definitions:* **Engine-Braking**, commonly known as **Jake-Braking**, shall mean the use or operation of any mechanical exhaust device designed to aid in the braking, decompression or deceleration of any motor vehicle which results in excessive, loud, unusual or explosive noise from such vehicle.

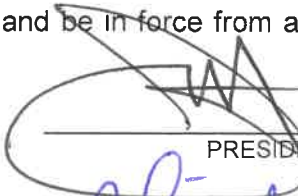
SECTION 3: *Prohibited Acts:* It shall be unlawful for the driver of any motor vehicle to use, or to operate or to be caused to be used or operated, at any time and on any street or road over which the City of Findlay has jurisdiction, any mechanical exhaust or decompression device which results in the practice known as "engine-braking" or commonly known as "jake-braking".

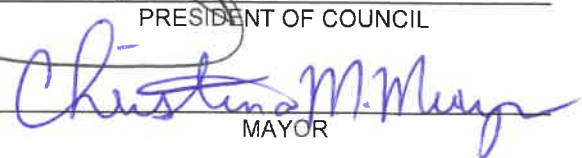
SECTION 4: *Exemptions:* The provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply to any motor vehicle responding to a bona fide emergency or avoiding a traffic accident.

SECTION 5: *Posting of Signs:* The City of Findlay Safety-Service Director or his/her designee is hereby authorized and directed to post, at reasonable locations within the City of Findlay or outside the corporate limits of the City of Findlay with ODOT approval, signs indicating the prohibitions set forth herein

SECTION 6: *Penalty:* Whoever violates this section is guilty of an unclassified misdemeanor offense and shall be fined up to \$100.00 for the first offense, up to \$250.00 for a second offense within two years of the first offense and up to \$500.00 for a third or subsequent offense within two years of the first offense.

WHEREFORE, this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor.



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL


MAYOR

PASSED October 3, 2023

ATTEST Denise Walters
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED October 3, 2023