

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

ORDINANCE NO. 648

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4 An ordinance extending the legal restrictions on cruising
5 of the City of Portland to the unincorporated areas of
6 Multnomah County.

7 Multnomah County ordains as follows:

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9 Section I. Purpose

10 The purpose of this Ordinance is to prohibit the repeated
11 driving of a motor vehicle along and across one portion of
12 certain congested thoroughfares, which shall constitute a
13 strict liability violation without any requirement of culpable
14 mental state, all as described in this Ordinance.

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16 Section II. Thoroughfare Defined

17 A thoroughfare is any public right-of-way in the County.

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19 Section III. Traffic Congestion Thoroughfare Defined

20 A traffic congestion thoroughfare is any portion of a
21 public thoroughfare within the County affected by traffic
22 congestion caused in whole or in part by the repeated driving
23 of the same motor vehicles along or across that portion of the
24 thoroughfare.

Section IV. Posting Signs

1 With respect to any traffic congestion thoroughfare, the
2 Sheriff or his or her designee is authorized to declare that
3 portion of the street to be a traffic congestion thoroughfare
4 and to cause temporary or permanent signs, as described in this
5 Ordinance, to be posted notifying of that designation.
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7 Section V. Signs

8 The signs referred to in Section IV of this Ordinance shall
9 notify drivers that they are entering a traffic congestion
10 thoroughfare; that repeated passage of a motor vehicle through
11 or across the traffic congestion thoroughfare is a violation of
12 Section VI of this Ordinance; and that for a subsequent
13 violation, the vehicle will be towed.
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15 Section VI. Acts Prohibited

16 Between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. of the
17 following morning, no vehicle shall pass along or across a
18 traffic congestion thoroughfare, designated as such by signs as
19 described in Section V of this Ordinance, more than two times.
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21 Section VII. Penalty

22 Violation of this Chapter shall be an infraction the
23 penalty for which shall be a fine not to exceed the sum of \$150.
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Section X. Exemptions

This Ordinance shall not apply to:

- A. Any publicly-owned vehicle of any city, county, public district, state or federal agency.
- B. Any public vehicle licensed for public transportation.
- C. Any other vehicle granted an exemption by the Sheriff because passage of the vehicle along or across the traffic congestion thoroughfare is necessary for commercial or medical reasons.

Section XI. Adoption

Adopted this 5th day of April, 1990, being the date of its second reading before the Board of County Commissioners of Multnomah County, Oregon.



By Gladys McCoy
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