

CITY OF GIG HARBOR

ORDINANCE NO. 600

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, PROHIBITING THE USE OF COMPRESSION BRAKES IN THE CITY EXCEPT IN EMERGENCIES; PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO POST APPROPRIATE SIGNS; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor finds that the use of motor vehicle brakes that are activated or operated by the compression of the engine of a motor vehicle disturbs and disrupts the public peace and quiet and, therefore, finds that it would be in the best interests of the public health, safety, and general welfare to prohibit the use of such brakes except in emergency situations,

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor, Washington, ORDAINS as follows:

Section 1. A new chapter 10.14 is hereby added to the Gig Harbor Municipal Code, to read as follows:

10.14 Miscellaneous Traffic Provisions

10.14.010 Compression Brakes Prohibited. No person shall use motor vehicle brakes which are in any way activated or operated by the compression of the engine of any such motor vehicle or any unit or part thereof. It shall be an affirmative defense to prosecution under this section that said compression brakes were applied in an emergency and were necessary for the protection of persons and/or property.


10.14.020 Penalty for violations. Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be civilly liable for an infraction and shall be assessed a monetary penalty not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00).

Section 2. The Director of Public Works is authorized and directed to post appropriate signs consistent with the provisions of this ordinance.


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Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after publication.

Passed by the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor, Washington, and approved by its mayor at a regular meeting of the council held on this 13th day of May, 1991.


Gretchen A. Wilbert, Mayor

ATTEST:



Michael R. Wilson
City Administrator/Clerk

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