

**AN ORDINANCE DEFINING THE TERM CARELESS DRIVING  
SETTING FORTH THE PROHIBITED ACTS, AND THE  
PENALTIES THEREFORE WITHIN THE CITY OF GOSHEN, ARKANSAS,  
AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the City of Goshen, Washington County, Arkansas, does not have an ordinance which defines the act of careless driving and that the City Council has deemed it necessary to protect the citizens and their property to establish such an ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF GOSHEN, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. CARELESS DRIVING: The following acts shall constitute careless driving:

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to drive or operate any vehicle in such a careless manner as to evidence a failure to keep a proper lookout for other traffic, vehicular or otherwise, or in such a manner as to evidence a failure to maintain proper control on the public thoroughfares or private property in the City of Goshen.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or drive any vehicle on the public thoroughfares or private property in the City of Goshen in violation of the following prohibited acts:

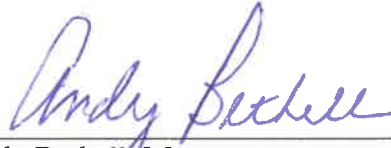
- (1) Improper or unsafe lane changes on public roadways;
- (2) Driving onto or across private property to avoid intersections, stop signs, traffic control devices, or traffic lights;
- (3) Driving in such a manner, or at such a speed, so as to cause a skidding, spinning, or sliding of tires or a sliding of the vehicle;
- (4) Driving too close to, or colliding with, parked or stopped vehicles, fixtures, persons, or objects adjacent to the public thoroughfares;
- (5) Driving a vehicle which has any part thereof, or any object, extended in such fashion as to endanger persons or property;
- (6) To operate any vehicle in such a manner which would cause a failure to maintain control;
- (7) To operate or drive a vehicle wherein or whereon passengers are located in such a manner as to be dangerous to the welfare of such passengers; or

(8) To operate a vehicle in any manner, when the driver is inattentive, and such inattention is not reasonable and prudent in maintaining vehicular control.

SECTION 2. PENALTY FOR CARELESS DRIVING: Any person convicted of careless driving shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$500.00, or double such sum for each repetition thereof.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE: It is hereby declared that based on the conditions set forth herein, an emergency exists and this Ordinance, being necessary for the immediate protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Goshen, Arkansas, shall be in effect immediately upon its passage, approval, and publication.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2005.



Andy Bethell, Mayor

ATTEST:



Fara Ferguson, City Recorder

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Charles Harwell, City Attorney

ROLL CALL

Names Of Those Voting YEA

Joe Benson  
Jamie Boyd  
Chuck Huskey  
John Meek  
Dick Seddon

Names Of Those Voting NAY

Absent

Max Poye

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