

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13 OF THE CITY CODE RELATING TO ESCORT VEHICLES AND PROCESSIONS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. City Code Section 13-3-12 (*Escort Vehicle Requirements*) is amended to read:

§ 13-3-12 - ESCORT VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS.

(A) A person may not use a vehicle as an escort vehicle unless it complies with this section.

(B) An escort vehicle must:

- (1) be in good mechanical condition;
- (2) display current registration ~~[and inspection stickers]; [and]~~
- (3) meet insurance requirements prescribed by state law; and
- (4) have additional equipment required by the police chief, if applicable.

(C) An escort vehicle may be [must be equipped with:] a vehicle owned by a law enforcement agency.

~~[(1) two lamps that display a red light visible from the center front of the vehicle;~~

~~(2) additional equipment required by the police chief, if applicable~~

~~(D) An escort vehicle may not:~~

~~(1) be equipped with a siren; or~~

~~(2) display a decal, sign, or other insignia that resembles a police or law enforcement officer's badge; or~~

~~(3) bear the words "Police," "Officer," or "Official."~~

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4 **PART 2.** City Code Section 13-3-14 (*Driver in Escorted Procession or Transport*) is
5 amended to add a new subsection (C) to read:
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7 **§ 13-3-14 - DRIVER IN ESCORTED PROCESSION OR TRANSPORT.**
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9 (C) Any person driving a vehicle in an escorted procession shall turn on their
10 emergency flashers and headlights.
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12 **PART 3.** City Code Section 13-3-23 (*Route*) is amended to read:
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14 **§ 13-3-23 - ROUTE.**
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16 (A) A funeral director shall select the route for an unescorted funeral procession.
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18 (B) ~~[An escort may change the funeral procession route only for safety reasons.]~~
19 The escort shall select the route for all escorted funeral processions.
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21 **PART 4.** Subsection (A) of City Code Section 13-3-25 (*Hours for Procession*) is
22 amended to read:
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24 **§ 13-3-25 - HOURS FOR PROCESSION.**
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26 (A) Except as provided in Subsection (B), a funeral procession may not travel on
27 City streets on Monday through Friday between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. ~~[and]~~ or
28 between ~~[4:30]~~ 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. ~~[on Monday through Friday.]~~
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30 **PART 5.** City Code Section 13-3-31 (*Speed Limit*) is amended to read:
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32 **§ 13-3-31 - SPEED LIMIT.**
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34 A person driving a vehicle in an escorted funeral procession shall drive 10
35 miles below the posted speed limit unless:
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37 (1) the reduced speed violates a posted minimum speed limit; or
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39 (2) ~~[safety conditions require a different speed.]~~ the escort directs a different
40 speed.
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PART 6. City Code Section 13-3-32 (*Number of Escort Vehicles Required*) is amended to read:

§ 13-3-32 - NUMBER OF ESCORT VEHICLES REQUIRED.

The ratio of escort vehicles to vehicles comprising a funeral procession, including mortuary vehicles is:

- (1) at least one escort vehicle for a maximum of 10 vehicles;
- (2) at least two escort vehicles for more than 10 and not more than ~~[50]~~ 30 vehicles; and
- (3) at least three escort vehicles for more than ~~[50]~~ 30 vehicles.

PART 7. This ordinance takes effect on _____, 2017.

PASSED AND APPROVED

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Steve Adler
Mayor

APPROVED: _____ **ATTEST:** _____
Anne L. Morgan Jannette S. Goodall
City Attorney City Clerk