

AN ORDINANCE

amending section 39-140 Seat belt regulations, of the Joplin City Code by adding language pursuant to RSMo. 307.178 1997 whereby individuals less than 18 years of age operating or riding in a truck are required to wear a safety belt.

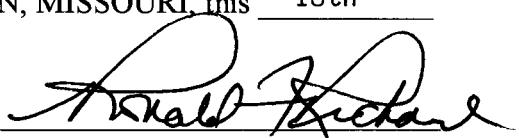
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI as follows:

Section 1. Subsection (b) of Section 39-140 Seat belt regulation shall be repealed and a new Subsection (b) be enacted in lieu thereof as follows:

- a. "(b) Each driver, except persons employed by the United States Postal Service while performing duties for that federal agency which require the operator to service postal boxes from their vehicles, or which require frequent entry into and exit from their vehicles, and front seat passenger of a passenger car manufactured after January 1, 1968, operated on a highway, street, road, or alley in the city, and persons less than eighteen (18) years of age operating or riding in a truck as defined in section 301.010, RSMo, on any highway, street, road or alley of the city, shall wear a properly adjusted and fastened safety belt that meets federal national highway, transportation and safety act requirements; except that, a child less than four (4) years of age shall be protected as required in Section 210.104, RSMo. Each driver of a motor vehicle transporting a child four years of age or more, but less than sixteen years of age, shall secure the child in a properly adjusted and fastened safety belt. No person shall be stopped, inspected or detained solely to determine compliance with this subsection. The provisions of this section shall not be applicable to persons who have a medical reason for failing to have a seat belt fastened about their body, nor shall the provisions of this section be applicable to persons while operating or riding a motor vehicle being used in agricultural work-related activities. Non compliance with this subsection shall not constitute probable cause for violations of any other provision of law."
- b. That a new subsection (e) shall be added as follows:

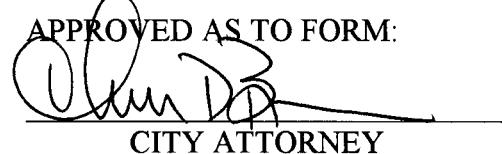
"(e) If there are more persons than there are seat belts in the enclosed area of a motor vehicle, then the driver and passengers are not in violation of this section."

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, this 18th
day of August, 1997.


Arnold J. Richard
MAYOR

ATTEST:


Barbara L. Higgin
Acting CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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EFFECTIVE 20 DAYS FROM DATE