

COUNCIL BILL NO. 2012-014

ORDINANCE NO.2012-136

AN ORDINANCE

amending Chapter 114, Traffic, Article I, In General, Section 114-15, Financial Responsibility, of the Joplin City Code, by repealing Section 114-15 of the Joplin City Code, Financial Responsibility, and enacting a new Section 114-15 in lieu thereof.

WHEREAS, the Missouri Legislature recently passed a law pertaining to a motor vehicle driver's requirement to carry insurance, specifically extending this requirement to out-of-state drivers; and

WHEREAS, Section 114-15 was originally enacted in 1977 and has become inconsistent with the current state law, RSMo § 303.025, dealing with financial responsibility; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the financial responsibility ordinance in the Joplin City Code so that it is consistent with current Missouri law.

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

Section 1. That Section 114-15 of the Joplin City Code, Financial Responsibility, is hereby repealed, and a new Section 114-15, Financial Responsibility, is enacted in lieu thereof, to read as follows:

"Section 114-15. Financial Responsibility.

(a) No owner of a motor vehicle registered in this state, or required to be registered in this state, shall operate, register or maintain registration of a motor vehicle, or permit another person to operate such vehicle, unless the owner maintains the financial responsibility which conforms to the requirements of the laws of this state. No nonresident shall operate or permit another person to operate in this state a motor vehicle registered to such nonresident unless the nonresident maintains the financial responsibility which conforms to the requirements of the laws of the nonresident's state of residence. Furthermore, no person shall operate a motor vehicle owned by another with the knowledge that the owner has not maintained financial responsibility unless such person has financial responsibility which covers the person's operation of the other's vehicle; however, no owner or nonresident shall be in violation of this subsection if he or she fails to maintain financial responsibility on a motor vehicle which is inoperable or being stored and not in operation.

(b) A motor vehicle owner shall maintain the owner's financial responsibility in a manner provided for in RSMo § 303.160, or with a motor vehicle liability policy which conforms to the requirements of the laws of this state. A nonresident motor vehicle owner shall maintain the owner's financial responsibility which conforms to the requirements of the laws of the nonresident's state of residence.

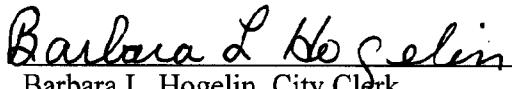
(c) The operator of an insured motor vehicle shall, upon the demand of any peace officer who lawfully stops such operator while that officer is engaged in the performance of his duties, display proof of financial responsibility as required by this section, and the failure to do so shall be punished in accordance with Section 1-5. In addition, such officer shall notify the director of revenue of the state in the manner determined by the director of the owner's failure to exhibit an insurance identification card or other proof of financial responsibility as required by this section and RSMo Chapter 303.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, this 4th day of September, 2012.



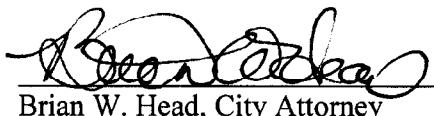
Melodee Colbert-Kean, Mayor

ATTEST:



Barbara L. Hogelin, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Brian W. Head, City Attorney

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