

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.

1 **PART 6.** City Code Section 13-3-32 (*Number of Escort Vehicles Required*) is amended  
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4 **§ 13-3-32 - NUMBER OF ESCORT VEHICLES REQUIRED.**

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

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9 (1) at least one escort vehicle for a maximum of 10 vehicles;  
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11 (2) at least two escort vehicles for more than 10 and not more than [~~50~~] 30  
12 vehicles; and  
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14 (3) at least three escort vehicles for more than [~~50~~] 30 vehicles.  
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16 **PART 7.** This ordinance takes effect on \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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18 **PASSED AND APPROVED**

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20 \_\_\_\_\_, 2017 §  
21 §  
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23 \_\_\_\_\_ Steve Adler  
24 Mayor  
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27 **APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
28 Anne L. Morgan Jannette S. Goodall  
29 City Attorney City Clerk