

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE TO ADDRESS VEHICLE SIDESHOWS AND STREET RACING.

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend the Code to add prohibitions on the vehicle “side-shows” and street racing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLADSTONE, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That Title III, Offenses, is hereby amended to add a new chapter, Chapter 150, Vehicle Sideshows and Street Racing, to read as follows:

CHAPTER 150 – Vehicle Sideshows and Street Racing.

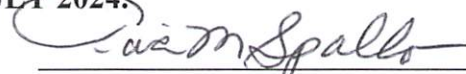
SECTION 3.150.010 Spectator or unlawful assembly at drag race or speed competition.

- A. Except as provided elsewhere in this chapter, no person shall knowingly be present as a spectator, either on a public street or highway, or on private property open to the general public without the consent of the owner, operator, or agent thereof, at a drag race or illegal motor vehicle speed competition.
- B. Except as provided elsewhere in this chapter, no person shall be present as a spectator, either on a public street or highway, or on private property without the consent of the owner, operator, or agent thereof, where preparations are being made for a drag race or illegal motor vehicle speed competition.
- C. An individual is present at the drag race or illegal motor vehicle speed competition if that individual is within 200 feet of the location of the event, or within 200 feet of the location where preparations are being made for the event.
- D. When two or more persons assemble to witness or participate in a drag race or illegal motor vehicle speed competition such assembly is an unlawful assembly and any person who participates in such unlawful assembly is guilty of an offense.
- E. Exemption: Nothing in this section prohibits law enforcement officers or their agents from being spectators at drag races or speed contests in the course of their official duties.

SECTION 2. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval.

SECTION 3. That all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLADSTONE, MISSOURI, THIS 22ND DAY OF JULY 2024.



Tina M. Spallo, Mayor

ATTEST:


Becky Jarrett, Deputy City Clerk



Request for Council Action

RES ☐ # City Clerk Only

BILL ☒ # 24-25

ORD ☒ # 4.678

Date: 7/18/2024

Department: Police

Meeting Date Requested: 7/22/2024

Public Hearing: Yes ☐ Date: [Click here to enter a date.](#)

Subject: Ordinance –Side Shows and Street Racing

Background: Large gatherings to participate in and observe street races have become a dangerous public nuisance in various parts of the metropolitan area. These gatherings and races have garnered crowds and present great danger to those participating, those observing, and innocent bystanders when motor vehicles are racing at high speeds or exhibiting reckless shows of vehicle performance on public roadways or public and private parking lots. These are not approved or sanctioned events and observers are often unaware of the dangers presented by being in close proximity to such dangerous and reckless driving. This Ordinance seeks to mirror similar municipal ordinances in the metropolitan area in an attempt to discourage and, if necessary, penalize those participating or gathering to promote such events.

Budget Discussion: N/A

Public/Board/Staff Input: Staff recommends passing this ordinance to the Gladstone Municipal Code.

Provide Original Contracts, Leases, Agreements, etc. to: City Clerk and Vendor.

Fred Farris
Police Chief

JM
City Attorney

BB
City Manager