

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MISSOURI HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM AND RECEIVE GRANT FUNDS, UNDER THE TERMS OUTLINED BY THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASED ENFORCEMENT OF TRAFFIC LAWS.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Gladstone and the Missouri Highways Transportation Commission seek to promote safety on the roadways; and

**WHEREAS**, enforcement of laws governing traffic on roadways creates a safer environment for citizens and visitors to the City of Gladstone; and

**WHEREAS**, effective enforcement of traffic and youth alcohol laws reduces injuries and deaths on the roadway as well as property damage; and

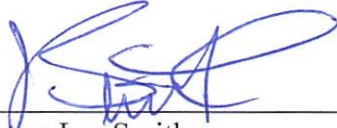
**WHEREAS**, an agreement with the Missouri Department of Transportation to participate in Missouri's Highway Safety Program is in the best interests of residents of the City of Gladstone.

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

**THAT**, the City of Gladstone agrees to approve the "City Council Authorization" form, requiring the signatures of each member of the City Council, and participate in Missouri's Highway Safety Program for Traffic Enforcement.

**FURTHER, THAT**, the City of Gladstone authorizes the use of traffic safety grant funds received by the Missouri Department of Transportation to compensate police officers at the maximum rate authorized by the Missouri Department of Transportation's guidelines governing the use of Highway Safety Program grant funds

**INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLADSTONE, MISSOURI, THIS 23RD DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026.**

  
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Mayor Les Smith

ATTEST:

  
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Kris Keller, City Clerk

1st Reading: February 23, 2026

2nd Reading: February 23, 2026



## *Request for Council Action*

RES  # City Clerk Only

BILL  # 26-05

ORD  # 4.723

Date: 2/17/2026

Department: Police

Meeting Date Requested: 2/23/2026

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

**Subject:** An Ordinance authorizing the City to participate in the Missouri Highway Safety Program and receive grant funds, under the terms outlined by the Missouri Department of Transportation, for the purpose of increased enforcement of traffic laws.

**Background:** As with years past, the Police Department has applied for the following grants through the Missouri Highway Safety Division to increase safety and awareness in driving and decrease alcohol sales to minors:

DUI Enforcement

Hazardous Moving Violation

EUDL (Youth Alcohol Enforcement)

For the past several years (per year) we have received grant funding for **DUI Enforcement, Hazardous Moving Enforcement, and the Youth Alcohol Enforcement** grants. Based on our level of enforcement activity in all three, we are again applying for funding and anticipating an increase in those awards.

**DWI Enforcement Projects** (requesting \$10,400.00) will consist of one or more officers who will patrol and seek out impaired drivers in high alcohol-related crash areas during the hours and days of peak alcohol usage. Funding will be provided for overtime for officers, and support personnel, such as dispatchers, and may be provided for equipment if the need is demonstrated.

**Hazardous Moving Violation (HMV) Enforcement Projects** (requesting \$21,500.00) will target high crash locations and areas where consistent HMs occur. Projects will be developed from the analysis of specific traffic problems occurring in the community and the resulting problem identification. Funding will be provided for overtime or full-time manpower, and support personnel such as dispatchers, and may be provided for equipment if the need is demonstrated. Hazardous violations are DWI/BAC; Improper Turns; Following

too Closely; Stop Sign violations; Traffic Signal violations; Failure to Yield; Careless Driving; Red-Light Running; Speeding; School Bus Stop Arm violations; etc. HMV projects can also address distracted driving and include enforcement projects to specifically reduce bicycle & pedestrian fatalities.

This grant also pays (100% reimbursement) for up to two officers to the annual LETSAC Conference held every year at the Lake of the Ozarks.

**Youth Alcohol Enforcement Projects** (requesting \$11,250.00) will consist of officers patrolling high alcohol related crash areas during the hours and days of peak alcohol usage. The purpose of these patrols is to use probable cause to stop and arrest underage (under 21) impaired drivers, check for compliance, and other deterrence programs. Funding for this type of project will be for officer overtime; and may also be used to compensate undercover buyers.

**\*All three of these grants will be paid to the officers at a double time rate and these grants are paid to the City of Gladstone at a 100% reimbursement rate.**

We are asking for the City Council's approval to continue to participate in the fully funded Highway Safety grants as we have been for the past several years.

Budget Discussion: N/A

Public/Board/Staff Input: Staff recommends approval of the proposed Ordinance.

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

Fred Farris  
Chief of Police

CW  
City Attorney

BB  
City Manager

