

ORDINANCE NO. 177

AN ORDINANCE OF WALLA WALLA COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON,
REGULATING THE USE WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF
THE COUNTY OF COMPRESSION BRAKES, WHICH PRODUCE EXCESSIVE
AND UNUSUAL NOISE: PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR, AND
AUTHORIZING THE POSTING OF APPROPRIATE SIGNS

WHEREAS, the Walla Walla County Board of County Commissioners finds that the use of motor vehicle brakes that are activated or operated by the compression of the engine of a motor vehicle, when not properly muffled or installed, do produce noise which disturbs and disrupts the peace and quiet, and therefore, finds that it would be in the best interest of the public health, safety and general welfare to prohibit the use of such brakes on certain public roads, except in emergencies,

NOW IT IS ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Definitions:

a. "Compression brakes" as used in this ordinance means a device, primarily used on trucks, to convert the motor from an internal combustion engine to an air compressor for the purpose of braking without the use of wheel or service brakes, also known as "Jacobs brakes" or "jake brakes".

b. "Excessive noise" as used in this ordinance means any noise, produced by the use of a compression brake, which is louder than the noise produced when the compression brake is not in use, by normal operation of the internal combustion engine on which the compression brake is installed.

Section 2.

a. On the following portions of the public roads in the unincorporated areas of Walla Walla County, which have been appro-

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propriately signed, no operator of a motor vehicle shall use compression brakes which produce excessive noise:

All that part of SR 124 situate in Sections 1 and 2, T8N, R30E, WM and Section 1, T9N, R30E, WM, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of SR 12 and SR 124; thence easterly, along SR 124 a distance of approximately 1.06 miles to the intersection of SR 124 and North Lake Road and the terminus of this description.

b. It shall be an affirmative defense to prosecution under this section that compression brakes were applied in an emergency and were necessary for the protection of persons and/or property.

Section 3. Any person violating the provision of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction may be punished by a fine not to exceed two hundred fifty (\$250.00) dollars.



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