

CITY OF GRANDVIEW

BILL NO. 7819

ORDINANCE NO. 7557

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 52-704 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF THE CITY OF GRANDVIEW, MISSOURI, RELATING TO FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.

WHEREAS, Section 303.025 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri outlines the minimum financial responsibility requirements for owners and operators of motor vehicles in the state; and

WHEREAS, the Code of Laws of the City of Grandview includes a provision making the financial responsibility requirements for operators of motor vehicles more stringent than the State law; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests for the financial responsibility requirements of the City of Grandview to be in line with the State requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF GRANDVIEW, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Code Section 52-704 Amended. Code Section 52-704 of the Code of Laws of the City of Grandview, Missouri is hereby amended to read:

Sec. 52-704. - Financial responsibility required.

(a) No person shall operate a motor vehicle registered in this state, whether owned by such operator or by another, upon the streets, alleys or highways of this city, unless such operator, or the owner of the vehicle, maintains financial responsibility which covers the operation of that vehicle.

(b) No person shall operate a motor vehicle registered in this state, whether owned by such operator or by another, upon the streets, alleys or highways of this city, unless such operator exhibits proof of financial responsibility upon demand of a police officer, which proof covers the operation of that vehicle.

(c) For purposes of this section, the term "financial responsibility" means the ability to respond in damages for liability occurring after the effective date of proof of such financial responsibility, arising out of the ownership, maintenance or use of a motor vehicle, in the amount of \$25,000.00 because of bodily injury to or death of one person in any one accident, and, subject to the limit for one person, in the amount of \$50,000.00 because of bodily injury to or death of two or more persons in any one accident, and in the amount of \$25,000.00 because of injury to or destruction of property of others in any one accident.

(d) Proof of financial responsibility may be shown by any of the following:

(1) An insurance identification card issued by a motor vehicle insurer or by the state revenue director for self-insurance, as provided by RSMo 303.024. A motor vehicle insurance policy, a motor vehicle liability insurance binder, or receipt which contains the name and address of the insurer, the name and address of the named insured, the policy number, the effective dates of the policy and a description by year and make of the vehicle, or at least five digits of the vehicle identification number or the word "fleet" if the insurance policy covers five or more motor vehicles, shall be satisfactory evidence of insurance in lieu of an insurance identification card.

(2) A certificate of the state treasurer of a cash deposit as provided by RSMo 303.240.

(3) A surety bond filed with the state revenue director as provided by RSMo 303.230.

(e) Proof of financial responsibility shall be carried at all times in the insured motor vehicle or by the operator of the motor vehicle if the proof of financial responsibility is effective as to the operator rather than to the vehicle. The operator of the motor vehicle shall exhibit the proof of financial responsibility on the demand of any police officer who lawfully stops such operator while that officer is engaged in the performance of the duties of his office.

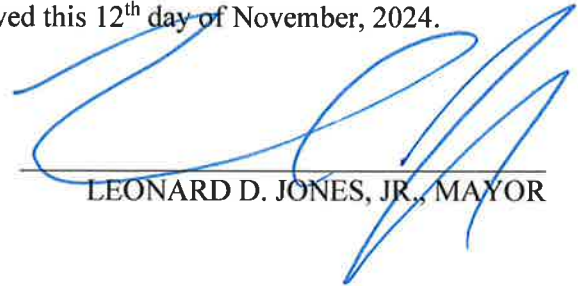
(f) Failure of any person who operates a motor vehicle on the streets, alleys or highways of this city to exhibit proof of financial responsibility on the demand of any police officer who lawfully stops such person shall be prima facie evidence that such person, or that the owner of the vehicle, does not maintain financial responsibility as required by this section. It shall be an absolute affirmative defense to a violation charged under subsection (a) of this section that the operator of a motor vehicle, or the owner of the vehicle, did maintain financial responsibility which covered operation of the vehicle by such operator on the date of the violation. It shall be a mitigating circumstance to a violation charged under subsection (a) of this section that the operator, subsequent to the date of the offense, and prior to a trial or guilty plea, obtained and maintained financial responsibility which covers operation of motor vehicles.

(g) The violation of any provision of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500.00 or by imprisonment in the jail not exceeding three months, or both such fine and imprisonment. Every day any violation of this section continues shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 2. Effective Date. The Ordinance shall be effective upon passage.

Passed this 12th day of November, 2024.

Approved this 12th day of November, 2024.




LEONARD D. JONES, JR., MAYOR

ATTEST:



MELISSA PAITH, CITY CLERK

Approved as to Form:



CARRIE C.M. REID, CITY ATTORNEY

