

ORDINANCE 2023-07

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 660.03 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF LITCHFIELD, MICHIGAN TO RESTRICT THE USE OF ENGINE BRAKES ON VEHICLES WITHIN THE LITCHFIELD CITY LIMITS

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Litchfield, Michigan, has determined that the operation of an engine (compression) brake on a motor vehicle not equipped with exhaust mufflers, or equipped with defective or modified exhaust mufflers, so as to create excessive noise through the use of said engine brake, adversely affects the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City of Litchfield,

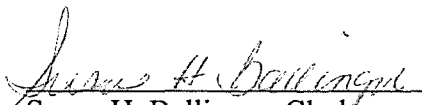
NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF LITCHFIELD ORDAINS:


Section 660.03 of the Codified Ordinances of Litchfield, Michigan is hereby amended to add a new subsection (d)(18), said new subsection 660.03(d)(18) to state as follows:

(18) *Engine (Compression) Brakes.* Except as otherwise provided in subsection (e)(1), no motor vehicle shall be operated on the streets, roads, alleys, or highways within the City of Litchfield utilizing an engine (compression) brake in such manner as to permit an amount of noise to be created by said motor vehicle in excess of the vehicle noise limits set forth in Section 707c of the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code, MCL 257.707c. The driver of a motor vehicle that violates this subsection, or the firm or corporation by whom the driver is employed, shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction and shall be subject to the penalties provided for in subsection (i).

This ordinance shall take effect 30 days from the date of its passage and after publication as provided by Charter.

The foregoing ordinance was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Litchfield City Council held on the 19th day of September, 2023.


Susan H. Ballinger, Clerk


Jessica Bills, Mayor

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