



To: Mayor Bergquist & Trustees

From: Alayna Carrell, Town Clerk

Date: March 10, 2025

RE: Consideration to Approve Resolution 19-2025, Approving a Distracted Driving Policy for Town Employees

The purpose of this memo is to outline the new Distracted Driving Policy, which will be added to the Town of Grand Lake Safety Manual. This policy has been reviewed by CIRSA and our Town Attorney, Dan Krob, and is intended to enhance safety and compliance with Colorado's distracted driving law.

Beginning January 1, 2025, Colorado's distracted driving law establishes specific regulations regarding the use of mobile electronic devices while driving. The law aims to reduce distracted driving incidents, thereby improving road safety for all residents and visitors of Grand Lake.

Key Points of the New Law:

Prohibition on Mobile Device Use

- Drivers are not permitted to hold or manually use mobile devices for any purpose, including voice calls.
- Hands-free accessories are allowed, such as Bluetooth headsets, dashboard mounts, CarPlay, Android Auto, and car speakerphone systems.

Exceptions

- Individuals reporting emergencies, utility workers, code enforcement officers, animal protection officers, first responders, and those in parked vehicles are exempt from the law.
- The law does not apply to individuals with a commercial driver's license operating a commercial vehicle.

Penalties for Non-Compliance

First Offense

- \$75 fine and two license suspension points.



Repeat Offenses

- Increased fines and additional license points.

First-Time Violators

- Can dismiss the charge by proving the purchase of a hands-free device.

Hands-free accessories provide viable solutions that allow drivers to stay connected without compromising their attention on the road.

Benefits of Hands-Free Accessories

- By adopting hands-free accessories, you can:
 - Avoid legal penalties associated with distracted driving.
 - Keep your focus on the road, enhancing safety for yourself and others.
 - Stay connected and informed without compromising your attention while driving.

The addition of this policy to our Safety Manual is a proactive step towards ensuring the safety of our community. It is essential that all employees and residents are aware of these regulations and adhere to them to minimize risks associated with distracted driving.

Suggested Motions

- I motion to approve/deny Resolution 19-2025, Approving a Distracted Driving Policy for Town Employees
- I motion to approve Resolution 19-2025, Approving a Distracted Driving Policy for Town Employees with the following conditions