



City of Ketchum

CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA MEMO

Meeting Date: August 18, 2025 Staff Member/Dept: Jade Riley – Administration

Agenda Item: Recommendation to conduct public hearing and consolidate the second and third readings by title only of Ordinance 1266 prohibiting the use of compression brakes within Ketchum city limits.

Recommended Motion:

“I move to conduct public hearing and consolidate the second and third readings by title only of Ordinance 1266 prohibiting the use of compression brakes within Ketchum city limits.”

Policy Analysis and Background:

Over the last several years, the Traffic Authority has received public comment/requests regarding excessive/loud noise. On June 26, 2025, the Traffic Authority moved to recommend to the City Council an ordinance prohibiting the use of compression brakes within city limits.

Compression brakes are most used on high-speed roadways usually in concert with vehicles traveling down a grade to save adequate reserves for the air brake function.

Traffic Authority discussed whether the ordinance should only apply to select roads but concluded that most large truck traffic (outside of food delivery) is associated with construction and thus occurring in all areas of town. Other communities (e.g. Hailey, Carey) in the valley have passed similar ordinances.

Sustainability Impact:

None.

Financial Impact:

None OR Adequate funds exist in account:	No financial impact.
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Attachments:

1. Ordinance #1266

**CITY OF KETCHUM
ORDINANCE 1266**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KETCHUM, IDAHO, AMENDING TITLE 10 CHAPTER 8 OF THE KETCHUM MUNICIPAL CODE BY PROVIDING FOR A NEW SECTION 320 ENTITLED “PROHIBITION OF AIR COMPRESSION BRAKES”, PROVIDING FOR THE RESTRICTION ON THE USE OF AIR COMPRESSION BRAKES ON VEHICLES WITHIN THE CITY OF KETCHUM, IDAHO EXCEPT UNDER EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES; AND PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, REPEALER, AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KETCHUM, IDAHO THAT A NEW SECTION 320 BE ADDED TO TITLE 10, CHAPTER 8, KETCHUM CITY CODE TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That Code section 320 as here stated is hereby adopted.

10.08.320 Prohibition of Air Compression Brakes.

- A. Use of air compression brakes prohibited: The use of air compression brakes (also known as “jake brakes”) by vehicles or trucks, as defined in Idaho Code Title 49, Chapter 1, within the City is hereby prohibited and shall be unlawful except under emergency circumstances when such use is necessary to prevent an accident or injury to persons or property.

SECTION 2. CODIFICATION CLAUSE. The City Clerk is instructed to immediately forward this ordinance to the codifier of the official municipal code for proper revision of the code.

SECTION 3. REPEALER CLAUSE. All City of Ketchum code sections, ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof, which are in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of Ketchum, Idaho this ____ day
of _____ 2025.

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR of Ketchum, Idaho this ____ day
of _____ 2025.

Neil Bradshaw, Mayor

ATTEST:

Trent Donat, City Clerk