

Chapter 10.24

COMPRESSION BRAKES

~~**10.24.010 Compression brakes prohibited – Penalty.**~~

~~No person shall use motor vehicle brakes which are in any way activated or operated by the compression of the engine or any such motor vehicle or any unit or part thereof. Any violation of this section shall be deemed a traffic infraction and the penalty therefor shall be \$50.00. (Ord. 576 § 1, 1986).~~

10.24.010 Definitions

- A. “Compression Brakes” means a breaking device that is in any way activated or operated by the compression of the engine of that motor vehicle. Compression Brakes are also referred to as Engine Compression Brakes, Jacob’s Brakes, or Jake Brakes.
- B. “Motor vehicle” means every self-propelled device capable of being moved upon the public highway and in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a public highway, excepting devices moved by human or animal power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks, and including automobiles, tractors, trucks, trailers and transportation equipment of all kinds and sizes or any combination or combinations of the same.

10.24.020 Compression Brakes prohibited.

No person shall use compression breaks except in case of emergency per SMC 10.24.030.

10.24.030 Emergency use deemed affirmative defense.

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

10.24.040 Violation – Penalty.

Any person violating the provisions of this chapter shall be deemed to have committed a traffic infraction and shall be assessed a monetary penalty in an amount not to exceed \$250.00.

10.25.050 Posting signs.

The Parks and Public Works Director is authorized and directed to post appropriate signs consistent with this chapter.