

SOUTH JORDAN CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: MAY 5, 2026

FILE OVERVIEW

Item Name	Text Amendment to Section 10.04.020 (DEFINITIONS) and Chapter 10.24 (TRUCK PARKING AND TRUCK ROUTES) to prohibit dynamic braking.
Address	1600 W Towne Center Dr, South Jordan, UT 84095
File Number	Ordinance 2026-12
Applicant	City of South Jordan
Staff Author	Jeremy Nielson (presented by Brad Klavano)

ITEM SUMMARY

The City has received complaints regarding the increased use of dynamic braking (or engine braking) along 10400 South (near 1500 West) and 11400 South (west of 4000 West). Historically, the City has relied on Salt Lake County Health Department regulations prohibiting engine braking. However, the County amended its regulations last year and removed this restriction.

Staff recommends approval of this application.

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

Strategic Priorities Conformance:

The application is in conformance with the following Strategic Priorities:

- EC-1 RESPONDS to the needs and concerns of the community in a prompt, transparent, professional, respectful and ethical manner.

Findings:

- The City regularly receives complaints regarding engine braking; these issues are typically addressed through education and police enforcement.
- The Salt Lake County Health Department recently removed the restriction on engine braking due to enforcement challenges.

- Several nearby cities, including Salt Lake City, Sandy, and West Valley City, have adopted ordinances prohibiting engine braking.
- The Traffic Committee reviewed this issue and recommends that the City continue to prohibit engine braking within City limits.

Conclusions:

- The application is in conformance with the City's Strategic Priorities.
- If the City wishes to regulate engine braking, the restriction must be adopted into the City's municipal code.

Engineering Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of the application based on the findings and conclusions listed above.

CITY COUNCIL ACTION

Required Action:

Decision by the City Council

Motion Ready:

I move that the City Council approve of:

1. Ordinance 2026-12, Text Amendment to Section 10.04.020 (DEFINITIONS) and Chapter 10.24 (TRUCK PARKING AND TRUCK ROUTES) to prohibit dynamic braking.

Alternatives:

1. Denial of the application
2. Schedule the application for a decision at some future date.

SUPPORTING MATERIALS

1. Ordinance 2026-12
 - a. Exhibit A

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-12

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH JORDAN, UTAH, AMENDING SECTION 10.04.020 (DEFINITIONS) AND CHAPTER 10.24 (TRUCK PARKING AND TRUCK ROUTES) OF THE CITY OF SOUTH JORDAN MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT DYNAMIC BRAKING.

WHEREAS, historically, dynamic braking (commonly referred to as engine or Jake braking) was prohibited by Salt Lake County Health regulation No. 21, *Community Noise Pollution Control*; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County has amended its regulations and no longer prohibits dynamic braking; and

WHEREAS, the City of South Jordan intends to continue prohibiting dynamic braking within South Jordan City limits; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing and reviewed the proposed text amendments; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that this code amendment will enhance the public health, safety, and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH JORDAN:

SECTION 1. Amendment. Section 10.04.020 and Chapter 10.24 of the South Jordan Municipal Code, attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference, are hereby amended.

SECTION 2. Severability. If any section, part or provision of this Ordinance is held invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance and all sections, parts, provisions and words of this Ordinance shall be severable.

SECTION 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication or posting as required by law.

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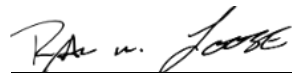
PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH JORDAN, UTAH, ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Patrick Harris	_____	_____	_____	_____
Kathie Johnson	_____	_____	_____	_____
Donald Shelton	_____	_____	_____	_____
Tamara Zander	_____	_____	_____	_____
Jason McGuire	_____	_____	_____	_____

Mayor: _____
Dawn R. Ramsey

Attest: _____
City Recorder

Approved as to form:



City Attorney

EXHIBIT A

(Proposed Amendment)

SECTION 10.04.020: DEFINITIONS

CURRENT ORDINANCE TEXT	PROPOSED ORDINANCE TEXT
<p><i>Current:</i> 10.04.020 DEFINITIONS For purposes of this title, the following words shall have the meaning described below:</p> <p>PARK: Causing a vehicle to stand unattended for any amount of time or to stand attended for five (5) minutes within thirty feet (30') of the same point, or to permit a vehicle so to stand when it is within one's power to prevent it from so standing. In determining whether a vehicle is parked, it is immaterial whether or not its motor is running. A vehicle is attended when its driver is inside it or within twenty feet (20') of it.</p> <p>PUBLIC LANE: A twenty foot (20') dedicated right of way to the city with sixteen feet (16') of approved asphalt or concrete road surface.</p> <p>PUBLIC STREET: Any street, road, public lane or public way, title to which is held by the city in fee or as a right of way, and which is used for vehicular traffic.</p> <p>TRUCK: A privately owned motor vehicle licensed for more than eighteen thousand (18,000) pounds gross weight or with a rated capacity of two (2) tons or more, or having a total length in excess of twenty four feet (24'). "Truck" also means any vehicle carrying more than one hundred (100) gallons of flammable liquid or more than five (5) pounds of dynamite or other explosive of comparable blasting power, or more than fifty (50) gallons or fifty (50) pounds of highly corrosive freight. In determining the total gross weight or total length set forth in this definition, the length shall be measured from the most</p>	<p><i>Proposed:</i> 10.04.020 DEFINITIONS For purposes of this title, the following words shall have the meaning described below:</p> <p><u>DYNAMIC BRAKING: (commonly referred to as engine braking or Jake brake) a device used primarily on trucks for the conversion of the engine from an internal combustion engine to an air compressor for the purpose of braking without the use of wheel brakes.</u></p> <p>PARK: Causing a vehicle to stand unattended for any amount of time or to stand attended for five (5) minutes within thirty feet (30') of the same point, or to permit a vehicle so to stand when it is within one's power to prevent it from so standing. In determining whether a vehicle is parked, it is immaterial whether or not its motor is running. A vehicle is attended when its driver is inside it or within twenty feet (20') of it.</p> <p>PUBLIC LANE: A twenty foot (20') dedicated right of way to the city with sixteen feet (16') of approved asphalt or concrete road surface.</p> <p>PUBLIC STREET: Any street, road, public lane or public way, title to which is held by the city in fee or as a right of way, and which is used for vehicular traffic.</p> <p>TRUCK: A privately owned motor vehicle licensed for more than eighteen thousand (18,000) pounds gross weight or with a rated capacity of two (2) tons or more, or having a total length in excess of twenty four feet (24'). "Truck" also means any vehicle carrying more than one hundred (100) gallons of flammable</p>

<p>forward point of the vehicle or its load, and the length or weight of a trailer connected or attached to or in tandem with the motor vehicle shall be included.</p>	<p>liquid or more than five (5) pounds of dynamite or other explosive of comparable blasting power, or more than fifty (50) gallons or fifty (50) pounds of highly corrosive freight. In determining the total gross weight or total length set forth in this definition, the length shall be measured from the most forward point of the vehicle or its load, and the length or weight of a trailer connected or attached to or in tandem with the motor vehicle shall be included.</p>
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CHAPTER 10.24 TRUCK PARKING AND TRUCK ROUTES

CURRENT ORDINANCE TEXT	PROPOSED ORDINANCE TEXT
<p><i>Current:</i> 10.24 TRUCK PARKING AND TRUCK ROUTES</p> <p>10.24.010: TRUCK PARKING 10.24.020: TRUCK ROUTES 10.24.030: SIGNS</p>	<p><i>Proposed:</i> 10.24 TRUCK PARKING, TRUCK ROUTES <u>AND DYNAMIC BRAKING</u></p> <p>10.24.010: TRUCK PARKING 10.24.020: TRUCK ROUTES 10.24.030: SIGNS <u>10.24.040: DYNAMIC BRAKING</u> <u>No person may operate, nor may any person cause, allow, permit or fail to control the operation of any motor vehicle with a dynamic braking device engaged, except for the avoidance of imminent danger.</u></p>