

# City Council Meeting Agenda Item Data Sheet

Meeting Date: December 16, 2024

**Topic:**

Adopt on First Reading, Ordinance No. 2024-42, an Ordinance of the City of Tomball, Texas adding Section 44-67, Article 3, Operation of vehicles, engine brake prohibited, prohibiting the use of motor engine brakes (also known as “Jake Brakes”) within the City limits; containing findings and other provisions relating to the subject; declaring certain conduct to be unlawful; providing a penalty in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00 for each violation of this Ordinance with every day constituting a new violation; providing for severability; providing for publication; and providing an effective date.

**Background:**

Several cities in the state of Texas have ordinances designed to limit the noise pollution created by vehicular traffic. While the City of Tomball has a robust noise ordinance in existence, increased traffic, expanding commerce, and growth of the City streets provides an opportunity to further enhance the City’s ability to enforce excessive and unnecessary noise caused by engine braking.

**Origination:** Tomball Police Department

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends approving Ordinance 2024-42

**Party(ies) responsible for placing this item on agenda:** Jeffrey Bert, Chief of Police

**FUNDING (IF APPLICABLE)**

Are funds specifically designated in the current budget for the full amount required for this purpose?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, specify Account Number: # \_\_\_\_\_

If no, funds will be transferred from account: # \_\_\_\_\_ To Account: # \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed:** Jeffrey Bert **Approved by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Staff Member Date City Manager Date