

City Council Meeting

Agenda Item

Data Sheet

Meeting Date: January 20, 2025

Topic:

Workshop discussion only - 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