

## **ORDINANCE NO. 5 OF 2025**

### **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 1 OF 2016 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF HOSSTON, LOUISIANA, CONCERNING THE USE OF MUNICIPALLY OWNED AND/OR OPERATED POLICE VEHICLES, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Hosston finds it necessary to clarify the permitted use of municipally owned and/or operated police vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 1 of 2016 shall be amended to reflect current practices and the operational discretion required by the duly elected Chief of Police;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Aldermen of the Village of Hosston, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that:

#### **AMENDMENT.**

Ordinance No. 1 of 2016 is hereby amended as follows:

**1. Official Use Beyond Village Limits:**

Any police vehicle owned or operated by the Village of Hosston may leave the municipal boundaries when required for the performance of official law enforcement duties. This includes, but is not limited to, responding to calls, investigations, court appearances, training, prisoner transport, inter-agency coordination, or any other legitimate official business necessitating travel outside Village limits by the Chief of Police and/or any police officer.

**2. Authorized Occupants of Police Vehicles:**

The following individuals are authorized to ride in any police vehicle owned by the Village of Hosston, provided the vehicle is being used for law enforcement purposes at the time of occupancy:

- The Chief of Police
- Any police officer or reserve police officer
- Any employee of the Village of Hosston

- Any member of a law enforcement agency
- Any elected official of the Village of Hosston
- Any prisoner, criminal defendant, arrestee, or other individual being lawfully transported pursuant to police duties.
- All other occupants must be approved by the Chief of Police, Mayor, and Board of Aldermen, having completed necessary release forms.

### **3. Discretionary Use by Chief of Police:**

The Chief of Police, elected as the full-time police chief for the Village of Hosston, is hereby authorized to use any municipally owned or operated police vehicle at their discretion in furtherance of the responsibilities of their office. The Chief is also permitted to use the vehicle for limited personal use, provided that they remain on call and available for duty at all times, and that such personal use is reasonable, not excessive, and does not interfere with the Chief's ability to promptly respond to official police matters. Under no circumstances shall the vehicle be used for personal activities that would prevent the Chief from responding to a call for service within a reasonable period of time, as determined by the nature of the emergency and local expectations for police response.

### **SEVERABILITY**

If any provision of this ordinance is found to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining sections shall remain in full force and effect.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that all ordinances or parts of ordinances, resolutions or other acts in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

First Reading: May 20, 2025- Introduced and read by title and approved as read and set for Public Hearing on June 17, 2025, on motion made by Alderman \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Alderman \_\_\_\_\_.

Second Reading: June 17, 2025- Having been approved on the first reading on May 20, 2025 and after publication of notice and a public hearing, was read by title, with a motion to approve as read by Alderman \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Alderman \_\_\_\_\_ to adopt the ordinance, a record vote was taken and the result was as follows:

**Ayes:**                      **Nays:**                      **Absent:**

**THUS ORDAINED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Village of Hosston, Louisiana.

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Hayden Linn, Town Clerk

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Kim Jaynes, Mayor