

## **CITY OF BARDWELL**

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2025-03-0-01**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BARDWELL, TEXAS PROHIBITING THE USE OF ENGINE BRAKES (ALSO KNOWN AS "JAKE BRAKES"); PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING A PENALTY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS:** The City of Bardwell, Texas ("City") is desiring to reduce the excessive noise caused by the use of engine brakes (also known as Jake Brakes) inside the Bardwell City Limits,

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BARDWELL, TEXAS THAT:**

#### **SECTION 1: ORDINANCE**

(a) This ordinance applies to the use or operation of an auxiliary or compression engine brake (also known as "Jake Brake") which produces any noise in addition to the normal operating engine noise is prohibited within the city limits of Bardwell Texas. This provision is not intended to prohibit the passage of vehicles equipped with engine brakes or "Jake Brakes" in posted areas but rather prohibit the use of such equipment in posted areas.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any driver of a truck or truck-tractor to activate or use the unit's engine brake within the city limits except in an emergency situation.

(c) The term "emergency situation", for the purposes of this ordinance, shall mean one in which there is imminent danger of collision with property, persons or animals.

(d) Emergency vehicles will be exempt from the Jake Brake ordinance.

#### **SECTION 2: PENALTY**

Any person, or persons, violating or failing to comply with any provision of this Ordinance shall be fined, upon conviction, not less than one dollar (\$1.00), or more than five hundred (\$500.00) dollars, for each offense.

#### **SECTION 3: REPEALER CLAUSE**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

#### **SECTION 4: SEVERABILITY CLAUSE**

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance are severable and, if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid

judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this Ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section.


#### **SECTION 5: EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance will take effect immediately from and after its passage and the publication of the caption, as the law in such cases provides.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2025.

  
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Bardwell Mayor Jodie Odlozil

**ATTEST**

  
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Bardwell City Secretary Deborah Strunc

