

ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE USE OF COMPRESSION RELEASE ENGINE BRAKES WITHIN THE  
TOWN OF GREENVILLE  
2024-TO- 07

WHEREAS, the Town Council for the Town of Greenville, Indiana, in the interest of public health, safety and welfare, has deemed it necessary to develop an Ordinance concerning the prohibition of compression release engine brakes,

WHEREAS, the use of compression release engine brakes causes noise pollution an excessive disturbances to the residents of the Town,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GREENVILLE, INDIANA, AS FOLLOWS:**

(A) *Definitions.* **ENGINE-BRAKING**, commonly known as **JAKE-BRAKING**, shall mean the use or operation of any mechanical exhaust device designed to aid in the braking, decompression, or deceleration of any motor vehicle which results in the excessive, loud, unusual, or explosive noise from such vehicle.


(B) *Prohibited acts.* It shall be unlawful for the driver of any motor vehicle to use, or to operate or to cause to be used or operated, at any time and on any street or road over which the town has jurisdiction, any mechanical exhaust or decompression device which results in the practice known as “engine-braking.”

(C) *Exemptions.* The provisions of this section shall not apply to the application of unmuffled compression brakes where necessary for the protection of persons and/or property which cannot be avoided by application of an alternative braking system. Noise caused by the application of engine compression brakes, otherwise known as “engine-braking” which is effectively muffled or if the application is necessary for the health, safety, and welfare of the community is exempt from the provisions of this section. Sounds created by emergency equipment for emergency purposes are also exempt.

(D) *Posting of signs.* The Town may post, at reasonable locations within the town, signs indicating the prohibition of “engine-braking” and/or “jake-braking”.

ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GREENVILLE, INDIANA ON THE 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF June, 2024.

PRESIDENT OF THE TOWN  
COUNCIL OF GREENVILLE, INDIANA

  
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