

ORDINANCE NO. 20-826

CITY OF GENTRY, ARKANSAS

**AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE USE OF ENGINE BRAKES
WITHIN THE CITY OF GENTRY, ARKANSAS; PROVIDING FOR
PENALTIES THEREFORE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the number and frequency of semi-trucks and large vehicles traveling the highways and streets of Gentry, Arkansas has significantly increased in recent years;

WHEREAS, many of these vehicles are equipped with and use engine brakes while driving within the City;

WHEREAS, the noise emitted by use of engine brakes within the City of Gentry is highly disturbing to people living or working near the city streets and highways;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Gentry, Arkansas:

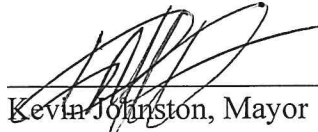
Section 1: It shall be unlawful for any person to use or engage or cause to be used or engaged within the City of Gentry, Arkansas any compression release engine brake mechanism designed to aid in the braking or deceleration of a vehicle, other than an emergency vehicle, the use of which results in excessive, unusual, or explosive noise from such vehicle.

Section 2: It shall be an affirmative defense to a violation of this ordinance that the driver reasonably believed the use of engine brakes to be necessitated by an emergency situation.

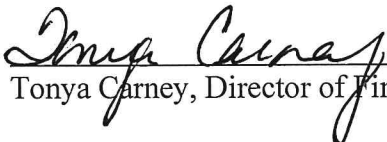
Section 3: Violation of this ordinance is punishable by a fine of up to \$250.00 for a first offense and of up to \$500 for second and subsequent offenses.

Section 4: Signs shall be posted on all major roadways entering the City of Gentry, Arkansas advising motorists that the use of engine brakes is prohibited within the City.

PASSED and APPROVED in regular session this 6th day of July, 2020.


Kevin Johnston, Mayor

ATTEST:


Tonya Carney, Director of Finance

