



Ord. #5560

An Ordinance to Amend Title 11, Chapter 16 – Vehicles and Traffic, of the City of Memphis, Code of Ordinances to Augment Regulations of Driving Rules in the Presence of Authorized Emergency Vehicles

WHEREAS, the current provisions of Title 11, Chapter 16 of the City of Memphis, Code of Ordinances, regulate driving behavior only with respect to oncoming emergency vehicles; and

WHEREAS, it is also necessary to regulate driving behavior with respect to stationary emergency vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Title 55, Chapter 8, Part 1, of the Tennessee Code regulates driving behavior with respect to stationary emergency vehicles, and the City Council deems it in the best interest of the City that such amendments to the City Ordinance be adopted in conformity with those state law provisions;

NOW THEREFORE,

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS, that Title 11, Chapter 16 of the City of Memphis Code of Ordinances be amended to incorporate the following section:

Sec. 11-16-57. Procedures to be taken when in the presence of stationary authorized emergency vehicles.

Upon approaching a stationary authorized emergency vehicle, when the vehicle is giving a signal by use of flashing lights, a person who drives an approaching vehicle shall: proceeding with due caution, yield the right-of-way by making a lane change into a lane not adjacent to that of the authorized emergency vehicle, if possible with due regard to safety and traffic conditions, if on a highway having at least four (4) lanes with not less than two (2) lanes proceeding in the same direction as the approaching vehicle; or proceeding with due caution, reduce the speed of the vehicle, maintaining a safe speed for road conditions, if changing lanes would be impossible or unsafe.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS, that Section 11-8-5(A) of the City of Memphis Code of Ordinances be amended to include Section 11-16-57 in its Schedule of Forfeitures, with an offense resulting in a forfeiture of \$50.00.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS, that this Ordinance shall take effect from and after the date it shall have been passed by the Council, signed by

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the Chairman of the Council, certified and delivered to the Office of the Mayor in writing by the Comptroller, and become effective as otherwise provided by law.

Jim Strickland, Chairman
Memphis City Council

ATTEST:

Comptroller

THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE
5560 PASSED

1st Reading 8-5-2014

2nd Reading 8-19-2014

3rd Reading 9-02-2014

Approved: [Signature]
Chairman of Council

Date Signed: 9-16-14

Approved: [Signature]
Mayor, City of Memphis

Date Signed: 9/22/14

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy, and said document was adopted by the Council of the City of Memphis as above indicated and approved by the Mayor.

[Signature]
Comptroller