

GENERAL ORDINANCE No. 16, 2013

General Ordinance No. 16, 2013 is an ordinance that amends Chapter 70 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Beech Grove addressing traffic patterns around entrances to fire stations.

WHEREAS, the City of Beech Grove has two fire stations centrally located to provide fire and EMS protection for the citizens of Beech Grove; and

WHEREAS, both fire stations are located on heavily traveled roadways; and

WHEREAS, traffic sometimes has to come to a stop as ambulances and fire engines leave the station on emergency responses; and

WHEREAS, signs have been installed clearly identifying fire station zones on both Churchman Avenue and Albany Street.

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the Common Council desires to minimize the chances of accidents caused by emergency vehicles responding to calls for assistance by establishing emergency zones at each fire station.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Common Council desires the following amendment be added to Chapter 70 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Beech Grove.

SECTION 70.37 FIRE STATION EMERGENCY ZONE

(a) There are hereby created and designated areas defined and established as fire station emergency zones, which are defined as that portion of any public way used as a street, road, boulevard, parkway, highway or alley which is located contiguous to any fire station where emergency vehicles are garaged, and extends for a distance of three hundred (300) feet along all streets, roads, boulevards, parkways, highways or alleys in all directions from the traffic entrance used by emergency vehicles to enter such public way.

(b) No person shall drive a motor vehicle on any street, road, boulevard, parkway, highway or alley within a fire station emergency zone established pursuant to subsection (a) at a speed greater than that which would allow such person to stop safely to avoid emergency vehicles.

(c) The Director of the Department of Public Works shall post reasonable and adequate signs indicating the existence of each fire station emergency zone, their point of commencement and point of termination. Such signs shall warn of the danger of emergency vehicles entering the public way and the requirement of caution and reduced speed in such zones.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the Common Council desires to amend Chapter 70 of the Code of Ordinances as such.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance only applies to Chapter 70 and no other chapter.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall go into effect sixty (60) days after passage by the Common Council, signed by the Council President, attested by the Clerk Treasurer and signed by the Mayor.

ORDINANCE / RESOLUTION Number C.O. #16, 2014

Adopted and Approved in an open meeting of the Common Council of the City of Beech Grove, Indiana on the 21st day of JANUARY 2014.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF; the parties hereto by their duly authorized officials have executed this agreement on the dates indicated below.

Mary Stewart Y N

Anthony Davidson (Y) N

David Harrison (Y) N

Kathy Coates (Y) N

Edward Bell (Y) N

John Jennings (Y) N

David Mobley (Y) N

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Beech Grove, Indiana on this 21st day of JANUARY, 2014 at 7:30 P.M.

Dan McMillan
Dan McMillan, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by the Mayor of the City of Beech Grove, Indiana this 21st day of JANUARY, 2014 at 7:30 P.M.

Dennis B. Buckley
Dennis B. Buckley, Mayor
City of Beech Grove