

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
DOUGLAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

In Re ) Ordinance TLS 23-13-51B  
)  
Amendments of DCC 8.04.165 Relating )  
to Restricting the Use of Compression )  
Braking Outside of Urban Growth Areas ) Transportation and Land Services

WHEREAS, Douglas County Code Chapter 8.04 regulates excessive noise in Douglas County to promote the public health, safety and general welfare of its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, the County Engineer has found that the noise resulting from the use of compression brakes is a traffic safety hazard and substantially impacts environmental noise detrimental to the health, safety, welfare and the quality of life throughout the rural and urban areas of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AND ORDAINED that DCC 8.04.165 be and are hereby amended as follows:

**8.04.165 Compression braking prohibited.**

A. No person shall use motor vehicle brakes within the urban growth areas as delineated below, and as may be hereafter amended, which are in any way activated or operated by the compression of the motor vehicle's engine or any unit or part thereof; provided, that the use of compression braking in order to protect persons and/or property shall be an affirmative defense to a violation of this section. This prohibition shall apply to the following urban growth areas:

1. The Greater East Wenatchee Urban Growth Area, as defined within the Greater East Wenatchee comprehensive plan adopted April 17, 1996; except Badger Mountain Road.
2. The Rock Island Urban Growth Area, as defined by the Rock Island Urban Area comprehensive plan adopted May 14, 1996.


B. The county engineer is authorized to restrict the use of compression braking outside of the urban growth areas.

C. The county engineer is authorized and directed to post permanent traffic signs advising the public of the prohibition of compression braking.

DONE IN REGULAR SESSION this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023 at the Commissioners' Chambers, Douglas County Courthouse, Waterville, Washington.

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Dan Sutton, Chair

**EXCUSED**

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Kyle Steinburg, Vice Chair

  
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Marc S. Straub, Member

ATTEST:

  
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Carlye Baity, Clerk of the Board