

ORDINANCE 2024-05

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 319 MANUALLY OPERATED TRAFFIC LAW ENFORCEMENT DEVICE PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the ongoing problem of motorists dramatically disobeying the speed limit and traffic signals threatens the safety of the residents and visitors to the Village of Hiram; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Hiram seeks to increase compliance with the traffic code, and thereby decrease the potential for motor vehicle crashes and pedestrian injuries that are caused by such failures to comply; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council has determined that civil penalties for the violation of traffic laws should be effective at one mile over the speed limit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Hiram, Portage County, Ohio a majority or more of the members thereto concurring that:

Section 1: The Village of Hiram Codified Ordinances Section 319.06(a)(1) is amended as set forth in the attached Exhibit "A", specifically the additions shown in the italicized text and deletions shown in the strikeout text are enacted.


Section 2: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were taken in conformance with applicable open meetings laws and that all deliberations of the Council and any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code of the State of Ohio.

Section 3: This Ordinance is hereby determined to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the Village and its residents, the emergency being the need to pass this Ordinance within a time frame that allows for the provisions herein to ensure as immediate an effect as possible in the reduction of excessive traffic law violations by motorists. Therefore, provided it receives two-thirds (2/3) of the vote of all members of Council elected thereto, said Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by the Council and approval by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

First Reading: February 13, 2024


PASSED IN COUNCIL on Second Reading: March 12, 2024

ATTEST:


Fiscal Officer Susan J. Skrovan-DeYoung

Approved as to form:


Village Solicitor Jennifer Kangas Berendt



Mayor Anne Hayman

I SUSAN DEYOUNG, Fiscal Officer of the Village of Hiram, Ohio, hereby certify that the foregoing ~~Resolution or Ordinance~~ No. 2024-05 has been duly posted in the required 5 places.

3/13/2024 Susan J. Skrovan-DeYoung
Date Fiscal Officer, Village of Hiram

Exhibit A

319.06 CIVIL PENALTIES.

(a) Unless the driver of the motor vehicle received a citation from a police officer at the time of the violation, or unless the exception or defense to liability set forth in Section 317.05 applies, the registered owner or designated party for the motor vehicle is subject to a civil penalty if the motor vehicle is recorded by an automated traffic control enforcement system while being operated in violation of this Chapter.

(b) The civil penalty under this Chapter shall be in accordance with the following schedule:

(1) Penalties for traffic law violations occurring within any other location than those described in Section 317.03(a)(1) shall be assessed as follows, according to the degree of the traffic law violation:

A. Miles Per Hour Over Speed Limit	Amount of Penalty
10-19 1-19	\$150
20-29	\$200
30 or more	\$250
B. Within a school zone	
69 1-9	\$200
10-29	\$250
30 or more	\$300