

ORDINANCE NO. 13466

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHATTANOOGA CITY CODE, PART II, CHAPTER 24, SECTION 24-2, RELATING TO POLICE JURISDICTION OVER INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS; AND CHAPTER 24, SECTION 24-21, RELATING TO SLOW POKE LAW.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE, That Chattanooga City Code, Chapter 24, Section 24-2, is amended by deleting same in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 24-2. - Police jurisdiction over interstate highways.

There are hereby designated as city streets those portions of interstate highways I-24, I-75, I-124 and any other interstate highways which lie within the corporate boundaries of the city, for the purpose of exercising police jurisdiction and law enforcement functions only upon said highways.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That Chattanooga City Code, Chapter 24, Section 24-21 is hereby adopted as follows:

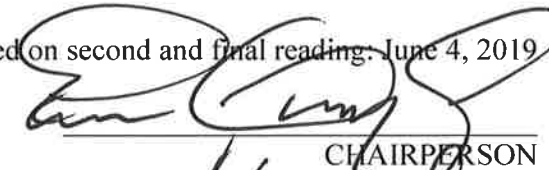
Sec. 24-21. Slow Poke Law.

- (a) On interstate and multi-lane divided highways that are three (3) or more lanes in each direction, a person shall not operate a vehicle in the passing lane, except when overtaking or passing a vehicle that is in a non-passing lane.
- (b) This section shall not apply:
 - (1) When the volume of traffic does not permit the vehicle to safely merge into a non-passing lane;
 - (2) When inclement weather or an official traffic control device makes it necessary to drive in the passing lane;
 - (3) When obstructions or hazards exist in a non-passing lane;

- (4) When avoiding traffic moving onto the highway from an acceleration or merging lane;
 - (5) When highway design makes it necessary to drive in the passing lane to exit or turn left;
 - (6) To authorized emergency vehicles engaged in official duties; or
 - (7) To vehicles engaged in highway maintenance and construction operations.
- (c) As used in this section:
- (1) "Non-passing lane" means any lane that is to the right of the passing lane; and
 - (2) "Passing lane" means:
 - (A) The furthestmost left lane; or
 - (B) The lane immediately to the right of the furthestmost left lane, during the specified hours of specified days of the week when the furthestmost left lane is reserved for the exclusive use of high occupancy vehicles pursuant to Tennessee Code Section 55-8-188.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon and after its passage.

Passed on second and final reading, June 4, 2019



CHAIRPERSON

APPROVED: DISAPPROVED:



MAYOR

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