

# CODE

ORDINANCE NO. 4346

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BEAVERTON CODE SECTION 6.02.215  
TO ALLOW USE OF MUFFLED EXHAUST BRAKING  
ON EMERGENCY VEHICLES

**WHEREAS**, Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue (TVF&R) recently completed a District wide review of compression braking; and

**WHEREAS**, TVF&R fire apparatus using muffled compression brakes met noise emission standards from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); and

**WHEREAS**, This Ordinance amends Beaverton Code Section 6.02.215 so as to allow use of "jake brakes" by emergency services employees in the course and scope of their work;

Now, therefore,

**THE CITY OF BEAVERTON ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:**

Beaverton Code 6.02.215 is amended to read as follows, with the new text underlined:

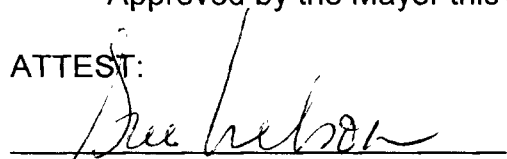
No person shall use a compression braking system in conjunction with the operation of a motor vehicle, except for a person operating an emergency services vehicle (a fire engine or similar apparatus) equipped with a muffled exhaust braking system or except to avoid imminent danger to person or property. Compression braking systems, commonly found on trucks and busses and referred to as "Jake" brakes, convert an internal combustion engine into an air compressor for the purpose of slowing or stopping a vehicle with the use of wheel brakes.

First reading this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2005.

Passed by the Council this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2005.

Approved by the Mayor this 5<sup>th</sup> day of APRIL, 2005.

ATTEST:

  
SUE NELSON, City Recorder

APPROVED:

  
ROB DRAKE, Mayor