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CLARIFICATION RE: CLASS 1 VEHICLES ON JACKSBORO, TN ROADWAYS

October 8th, 2021 – Jacksboro, Tennessee: The Jacksboro City Council met on Thursday, October 7th, 2021, to discuss ATV and Class 1 vehicles and their roadway access in the City of Jacksboro. To provide local media and citizens clarity regarding this discussion, please refer to the information provided below as guidelines for this ongoing discussion:

- TCA code 55-8-203 states the following:

Any Class I or Class II off-highway vehicle operated on county roads pursuant to subsection (a) may, for the purpose of crossing from one (1) road, field, or area of operation to another, be operated upon a state highway or other noncounty road, except upon the interstate and national defense highway system, if:

(1) The crossing is made at an angle of approximately ninety degrees (90 degrees) to the direction of the highway and at a place where no obstruction prevents a quick and safe crossing;

(2) The vehicle is brought to a complete stop before crossing the shoulder or main traveled way of the highway;

(3) The operator yields the operator's right-of-way to all oncoming traffic that constitutes an immediate potential hazard; and

(4) Both the headlights and taillights are illuminated when the crossing is made.

(c) A Class I or Class II off-highway vehicle authorized by subsection (a) may be operated if, while on the county roads:

(1) The vehicle is equipped with:

(A) Brakes;

(B) At least two (2) taillights, stoplights, and headlights;

(C) Two (2) turn signal lamps or other devices meeting the requirements of § 55-8-144;

(D) A horn meeting the requirements of § 55-9-201;

(E) A roll bar;

(F) Seat belts for each seat;

(G) A manufacturer-installed or equivalent spark arrester;

(H) A manufacturer-installed or equivalent muffler in proper working order and properly connected to the vehicle's exhaust system; and

(I) A windshield, with or without wipers

In summation:

- A "Class 1 vehicle" is considered a side by side vehicle.
- Jacksboro Police Department patrols the four lane highway as well as the Tennessee Highway Patrol.
- Riding times are defined as "daylight hours", which includes thirty (30) minutes after dawn and thirty (30) minutes before sunset.
- Crossing the four lane highway with a Class 1 vehicle will not be permitted until further authorization is obtained. The only roads in the City of Jacksboro that are currently permitted are Eagle Bluff Road and Butter and Egg Road.
- The October 7th, 2021 Jacksboro City Council meeting provided the first reading of this ordinance and this is a progressive, ongoing discussion.