

ORDINANCE NO. 316

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING IMPROPER DRIVING IN THE CITY OF BETHEL HEIGHTS,  
ARKANSAS.

**WHEREAS**, the City Council for the City of Bethel Heights, Arkansas, finds that in order to better regulate traffic safety, Bethel Heights is in need of passing an improper driving ordinance;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF BETHEL HEIGHTS, ARKANSAS:**

Section 1: No person shall drive any vehicle within this City carelessly, without due caution and circumspection, or in a manner so as to endanger or be likely to endanger any person or property.

Section 2: No person, while operating a vehicle within the City of Bethel Heights shall:

- a. Make improper or dangerous lane changes on streets or highways;
- b. Cut across private property, thereby avoiding intersections, stop signs, or stop lights;
- c. Drive in such a manner or at such a speed as to cause a skidding, spinning, or sliding of tires, or a sliding of the vehicle;
- d. Fail to keep the vehicle under control at all times;
- e. Fail to properly and adequately indicate the driver's intentions to turn, stop, or change lanes;
- f. Drive across a freshly painted street marking, when the same are marked by flags or traffic cones, or move or drive through barricades placed by the City or a public utility company in streets or alleys;
- g. Drive at a speed greater than is reasonable and proper, having due regard to the traffic, surface, and width of the roadway and any other conditions then existing, and no person shall drive any vehicle upon a highway or City street or other public way at a greater speed than will permit him to bring it to a stop within the assured clear distance ahead.
- h. Allow any person or animal to occupy the driver's seating area with the driver while the vehicle is in motion, so as to obscure the driver's vision or to interfere with the safe operation of the vehicle;
- i. Fail to keep a proper lookout for other vehicles or pedestrians.

Section 3: Penalty. Any person who violates this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$100.00 plus court costs, as determined by the Court.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2013.

Jeff Hutchison  
Jeff Hutchison, Mayor



ATTEST:

Janet Nelson  
Janet Nelson, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Joe Summerford  
Joe Summerford, City Attorney