

TITLE IV STREETS, ROADS, & PUBLIC HIGHWAYS

CHAPTER 9 ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE UNLAWFUL USE OF ENGINE AND COMPRESSION BRAKES ("JAKE BRAKE ORDINANCE")

4-9-1 PURPOSE. The purpose of this ordinance is to prohibit the excessive, loud, unusual or explosive use of engine and compressed air-braking devices within designated areas in Sac County.

4-9-2 DEFINITIONS. For the purposes of this ordinance the following words and phrases are defined as follows:

1. "Engine retarding brake" means a "Dynamic Brake," "Jake Brake," "Jacobs Brake," "C-Brake," "Paccar Brake," transmission brake or any other engine retarding brake system that alters the normal compression of the engine and subsequently releases that compression.

4-9-3 PROHIBITIONS. It shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle to use or operate or cause to be used or operated within designated areas in the unincorporated areas of the County of Sac, State of Iowa, any engine brake, Compression brake or mechanical exhaust device designed to aid in the braking or deceleration of any vehicle that results in excessive, loud, unusual or explosive noise from such vehicle, unless such use is necessary to avoid imminent danger. Such prohibition shall be applicable only to those public highways or portions specifically identified in this Chapter.

4-9-4 AREAS OF PROHIBITION. The prohibition set forth herein shall apply to stretches of all public highways in Sac County, Iowa that are within (1) mile of any incorporated municipality in Sac County.

4-9-5 SIGNAGE. Signs stating "VEHICLE NOISE LAWS ENFORCED" or "ENGINE BRAKE ORDINANCE ENFORCED" may be installed at locations deemed appropriate by the Board of Supervisors to advise motorists of the prohibitions contained in this ordinance, except that no sign stating "VEHICLE NOISE LAWS ENFORCED" or "ENGINE BRAKE ORDINANCE ENFORCED" shall be installed on a state highway without a permit from the Iowa Department of Transportation. The provisions of this ordinance shall be in full force and effect even if no signs are installed.

4-9-6 EXCEPTIONS. Emergency vehicles shall be exempt from the application of this ordinance.

4-9-7 ENFORCEMENT. This ordinance is deemed to be a county infraction. It shall be enforced pursuant to Chapter 1 of Sac County's Code of Ordinances.

4-9-8 ADOPTION. This ordinance will take effect upon final publication.